

Haddad said obstacle to progress in talks with Lebanese

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The future of Major Sa'ad Haddad's pro-Israeli Southern Lebanese militia is still a major obstacle holding up progress in the negotiations with Lebanon.

Talks held in Jerusalem yesterday with the U.S. special envoy Philip Habib failed to break the deadlock on this issue.

The atmosphere of imminent agreement that was generated by Israeli officials following Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's return from Washington last week has steadily faded. The talk now is of further tough negotiations ahead.

Israel sees Haddad as pivotal in its scheme for ensuring the security of the northern border area. Having withdrawn its earlier demand for 'Israel Defence Forces' — manned military posts inside Southern Lebanon, Israel attaches vital significance to Haddad's remaining in effective command of the area, at the head of a 'territorial division' of the Lebanese Army that would comprise in the main his Christian and Shi'ite militiamen.

These men, led by Haddad, Israeli policymakers believe, will provide an adequate and competent

force able to prevent a return of PLO units to the south.

Before the war in Lebanon, Haddad's militia held a narrow strip along the border — and kept it virtually clear of terrorists. Now, under the Israeli scheme, the Lebanese 'territorial division' based on Haddad's force would be deployed much deeper, covering such major centres as Tyre and Nabatiya and ensuring that the Galilee settlements are safe from rocket and artillery fire as well as from infiltration.

The Israeli policymakers are sceptical of the Lebanese Army's ability to police the area — unless Haddad and his men are integrated into the army and given the task. Being local men, their motivation to keep the area peaceful and free of the PLO would be immeasurably higher than that of Lebanese soldiers brought in from the north, according to the Israeli viewpoint.

Habib told Shamir yesterday that the Beirut government is adamant in its refusal to give Haddad this role. Beirut is ready to absorb his militiamen into the army — but insists that he must step down.

Shamir, flanked at the two-hour session in the Knesset by Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Deputy

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Syria seen to be against U.S. troops in Lebanon

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
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and Agencies

Syria yesterday indicated that it may try to obstruct a withdrawal deal in Lebanon that would entail a residual presence in that country of either Israeli or American forces.

An editorial in the government daily *Tishrin*, which closely reflects official thinking in Damascus, said that Syria would view the presence of Israeli or American troops in Lebanon as 'a direct application of the agreement on strategic cooperation between Israel and the U.S.' and as such unacceptable to it.

'No one knows when the American military presence in Lebanon will end,' the editorial continued, warning: 'But Syria and its allies, especially the Soviet Union, will not accept it.'

The categorical rejection of a continued American military presence in Lebanon after Israel pulls out represents a significant hardening of the Syrian position, and could indicate that Damascus is preparing the ground to torpedo any withdrawal agreement between Israel and Lebanon that entails such presence, by refusing to withdraw its own forces from the eastern Golan.

Talmud scholar Saul Lieberman, 85

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Talmud sage, Saul Lieberman died yesterday while on an airliner from New York to Israel. He was 85.

For many years a luminary of New York's Jewish Theological Seminary, Lieberman had homes both in New York and in Jerusalem. He was a noted expert in the Talmud Yerushalmi. Lieberman was born in 1898 in Plosk, near Pinsk, and studied in the yeshivot of Malch and Obodk. In the 1920s he studied in the University of Kiev, spent some time in Eretz Yisrael and went on to study in France.

In 1931 he was appointed lecturer in Talmud at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. From 1940 he taught at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he became rector of the rabbinical school.

Apart from various books on the Jerusalem Talmud, Lieberman contributed major studies on the Hellenistic influence on Judaism in the first centuries of the Christian Era.

In 1971 Lieberman was awarded the Israel Prize for Jewish Studies. He was a fellow of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He was a son-in-law of Rabbi Meir Bar-Ilan (Berlin), the Mizrahi leader.

His high-altitude photographs do not include installations inside the Soviet Union, the official added, but focus on the expansion of Soviet arms outside its borders. Television news reporters said the photographs would show Soviet facilities in the Middle East and Caribbean.

Last night's speech (at 3 a.m. Israel time) was part of a White House public-relations campaign to



The U.S. Defence Department has released this picture of a Soviet TU-95 maritime reconnaissance aircraft being escorted by a U.S. Navy F-14 jet launched from the carrier Dwight Eisenhower, as the Russian plane approached the annual U.S. Navy exercise in the Caribbean.

IS1,124,000,000,000 budget is approved

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday approved a State Budget of IS1,124,000,000,000 (IS1,124 billion) for fiscal 1983. A show of hands showed a clear majority for the coalition, and no count was taken.

The total is the equivalent of some \$29b.

The sum is IS1 billion more than that proposed by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor two months ago. The extra sum is meant for the higher children's allowances decided on by the cabinet on Sunday and is to be raised by the newly imposed \$50 travel tax (which also passed its final reading).

Knesset Finance Committee chairman Sholomo Lorincz announced that a permanent subcommittee will oversee the implementation of the budget throughout the year, adjusting it periodically to bring it in line with changed conditions.

Lorincz was heckled repeatedly by opposition speakers, who attacked the proposed regulations to grant higher children's allowances to families of soldiers (thus barring them from most Arab families), although families of yeshiva students who do not do military service will receive the higher allowances.

Lorincz in turn denounced the opposition speakers' use of the term 'racist' in this connection, saying it showed a distorted sense of proportion for them to spend more time talking about 'prutot' (pennies) for yeshiva students than about the rest of the trillion-shekel budget.

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Following the vote, the Knesset adjourned for its Pessah recess. It is to reconvene for the summer session on May 2.

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Labour more dovish after Herzog

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One indirect result of Chaim Herzog's election as president will be a more dovish posture in the Alignment Knesset faction.

Herzog's departure from the Knesset will result in the entry of one of the Labour Party's outstanding doves, Haim Ramon, the Labour Young Group secretary-general.

The man who immediately succeeded Herzog into the House yesterday was Nahman Raz, who already yesterday pledged his loyalty as the Knesset's newest Knesset Member. But Raz was about to enter the Knesset soon anyway because of the appointment of MK Danny Rosolio as secretary-general of the Histadrut holding company, Hevrat Ovdim. Rosolio will soon resign from the Knesset and his seat would have automatically gone to Raz, the next in line on the Alignment list.

But now that another Labour Knesset seat falls vacant because of Herzog's election to the presidency, Rosolio would be followed by Ramon, who at 36 is described as a

younger, possibly even more outspoken version of Yosef Sandil. Raz is now the second representative in Labour of the Ihud Hakevutzot Vehakibbutzim and is seen as a moderate middle-of-the-roader.

Raz, 58, was born in Ein Harod and until now was in charge of the children's house at Geva.

With Herzog's departure from the faction and the impending departure of Rosolio, Labour will lose two hawks from its Knesset faction.

Moreover, there is still the question of MK Dov Ben-Meir, who more than three months ago was told to decide between his Knesset post and his job as secretary-general of the Tel Aviv Labour Council. He must make the choice because the party central committee forbade its members from representing Labour in more than one top job. Ben-Meir has yet to decide, but should he leave the Knesset, Labour will lose another hawk.

Meanwhile, things were apparently quiet yesterday on the Likud front, following the stinging defeat suffered by the coalition on

ing it in line with changed conditions.

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Israel calls EC statement 'distortion'

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel hit back bitterly yesterday at a European Economic Community statement on the Middle East, accusing the Ten of 'total distortion' and 'utterly rejecting' the Europeans' call for a halt to the building of settlements in the West Bank.

The EEC leaders, meeting in Brussels earlier this week, blasted the settlements as illegal and a 'growing and major obstacle' to peace. The Israeli statement, issued in Jerusalem yesterday, asserted that 'the only obstacle to peace is the refusal of the Arab governments to conduct negotiations on the subject without preconditions.'

The EEC leaders called on Israel specifically to 'show that it stands ready for genuine negotiations.' In response to this, the Israeli statement charged the Europeans with

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U.S. trying to improve ties with Israel

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The U.S. administration is set on trying to improve U.S.-Israel relations, according to a senior State Department official.

The official predicted that there will probably be no more confrontations between Israeli and U.S. troops around Beirut of the sort that have recently exacerbated relations between the two countries.

Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Lawrence Eagleburger said the U.S. and Israel are 'working very hard to try to establish a situation in which they won't happen again.'

Eagleburger pointedly refused to pin the blame for the Beirut incidents on Israel. 'I don't know who is at fault,' he said, 'and I don't really think that is relevant. They are not the sort of thing that should happen between two friends and allies — as Israel and the U.S. are.'

Observers also pointed to the Pentagon announcement on Tuesday of the sale of an additional 200 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles to Israel — a deal valued at some \$16 million. U.S. Defence Department officials said that is the first new military sale approved for Israel since the war in Lebanon. Arms that earlier had been approved and were 'in the pipeline' were sent to Israel on schedule — with the exception of the 75 F-16 fighters now held up for over one year.

The Sidewinder announcement came just 24 hours after Defence Minister Moshe Arens disclosed that Israel is going ahead with the

full transfer to the U.S. of the intelligence and military information gained during the war in Lebanon. These developments have come in the wake of what U.S. officials described as very good meetings here in Washington last week involving Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Secretary of State George Shultz on the Lebanese troop withdrawal negotiations.

Eagleburger, the number three man in the State Department, was interviewed in Washington by former Israeli ambassador to the U.S. Simcha Diniz, who hosts a weekly Jerusalem-based programme on American cable television network.

The State Department official noted that the Beirut troop incidents were as much concern to 'our common friend Misha Arens' as they have been to the administration.

Eagleburger went on to insist that attitudes on both sides are getting better and that similar incidents will probably not occur again in the future.

In the taped television interview, Eagleburger firmly denied that the U.S. made Jordan's King Hussein any promises regarding the return of most of the West Bank and East Jerusalem in order to encourage him to enter the peace process.

'These are nonsense,' he said, referring to those reports. 'The president and the U.S. government stand on the September 1 speech. That is our position. That's the position we have espoused since

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Ben-Gal spurns attache job, decides to resign from IDF

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Aluf Avigdor Ben-Gal, the former head of the Northern Command, who was passed over as chief of staff to succeed Rafael Eitan, has decided to leave the Israel Defence Forces.

He made his decision earlier this week, when it became clear that he would not be offered a central position in the IDF hierarchy. At a meeting between Ben-Gal and Chief of Staff-designate Aluf Moshe Levi, the latter reportedly offered Ben-Gal an attache position with an embassy in a major capital, but Ben-Gal apparently viewed this as inconsistent with his status.

Ben-Gal has formally notified Levi of his decision to leave, and has initiated contacts with corporations and businesses that have indicated that they would employ him.

After Levi's appointment, Defence Minister Moshe Arens told Ben-Gal that he hoped he would not leave the IDF, and that he still saw him as a future candidate for chief of staff. It was clear, however, that despite the cordial relations between the two men, Levi would prefer that Ben-Gal not be given a position where tension could develop between them.

Several key senior officers, upset by Ben-Gal's decision, are trying to find a middle ground. Ben-Gal is an



Aluf Avigdor Ben-Gal (Uzi Keren)

extremely popular commander and is considered one of Israel's leading tacticians. He has unequalled battle experience in the command of large formations, and though several aspects of his command of the eastern front during the war in Lebanon have been questioned, he is considered to have served outstandingly throughout his career.

The supporters feel that the IDF should not lose a relatively young general (Ben-Gal is 47) whose experience they consider invaluable.

The future of former OC Southern Command Aluf Dan Shomron, the other contender for chief of staff, has not been decided. He has met with both Levi and Arens, but no decision has been taken.

Children steal flares and grenades from army base

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Large quantities of dangerous smoke grenades and flares have been stolen by children from an Israel Defence Forces base in the seaside area here.

According to local sources, youngsters have been breaking into the camp with impunity for some time.

Police were told on Tuesday that 200 smoke grenades and 300 flares had been stolen. An immediate investigation was launched and four children, aged between 11 and 13,

all from the Kiryat Motzkin area, have been questioned.

They allegedly admitted being involved in the thefts and showed police secret caches where they had hidden some of the grenades and flares. Police have a list of other children who are believed to be involved, and there is a growing fear that there are many more.

The police yesterday warned of the possible lethal dangers to children who handle or try to use the grenades and flares.

Even more worrying to police is the seeming ease with which the youngsters broke into the camp and the armoury from which the flares and grenades were stolen.

'If children can do this, what's to stop criminals from getting hold of explosives and weapons,' said a police source.

Haifa police chief, Tai-Nitzav Meshulam Amit, has already expressed concern over the amount of IDF explosives and weapons that police know to be in the hands of the underworld.

It is not the first time that this base has been broken into. There was an inquiry into the previous incident, which happened some time ago, and the IDF undertook to tighten security at the camp.

The IDF spokesman declined to comment.

Arab MKs ask High Court to thwart large-families law

Two Arab Alignment Knesset Members yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice for an order forbidding the Finance Minister and the chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee to seek Knesset approval of certain clauses in the Budget Law relating to increased child allowances.

The present law, passed yesterday, increases the allowances for families in which the father has served in the Israel Defence Forces, and will not benefit most Arab families, as Arab males usually do not serve in the IDF.

Supreme Court Justice Moshe Beisky decided to refer the petition

to a bench of three justices, and has ordered that a representative of the attorney-general appear at the hearing.

He declined to issue an injunction to prevent yesterday afternoon's Knesset vote.

The petition was submitted by lawyer Tzali Reshef on behalf of MKs Mohammed Wattad (Mapam), a father of seven, and Hamad Halaili (Labour), a father of 10.

The petitioners asked the court to excise from the Budget Law 1983/84 the clauses increasing child allowances for families with four or more children in which the father

has served or is serving in the IDF and the clauses equalizing the child-allowance rights of yeshiva students who do not serve in the IDF with those of honourably discharged soldiers.

The petitioners argue that on March 22, 1983 the government representatives proposed to the Knesset Finance Committee to increase the allowances paid by the National Insurance Institute in accordance with the Demobilized Soldiers Law and the regulations laid down by the Labour and Social Affairs Minister.

The petitioners state that this proposal came after Attorney-

General Yitzhak Zamir told the cabinet ministers that there was no possibility of legislating a law at the same time increasing allowances for demobilized Jews and for Jews who do not serve in the IDF while not giving the same allowances to non-Jews.

The government representative, according to the petitioners, told the Knesset committee that the allowances to yeshiva students would be equalized with those paid to demobilized soldiers by a government decision permitting payments from the Treasury budget to yeshiva

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	23.83	MIN.	MAX.	
AMSTERDAM	5	41	10	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	2	36	9	Cloudy
BIRMINGHAM	15	64	77	Clear
CHICAGO	10	54	61	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	1	34	5	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	2	38	11	Cloudy
GENEVA	5	41	9	Cloudy
Helsinki	0	32	34	Cloudy
HONG KONG	24	75	79	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	15	68	72	Cloudy
LONDON	11	52	70	Clear
MADRID	6	43	24	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-2	27	1	Clear
NEW YORK	3	27	36	Clear
OSLO	0	32	2	Cloudy
PARIS	6	43	12	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	8	64	78	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	10	61	74	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-1	30	37	Cloudy
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Forecast: Cloudy, no rain

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	59	7-13	15
Golan	83	6-13	15
Nahariya	67	8-18	18
Safed	88	4-11	13
Haifa Port	88	11-16	18
Tiberias	73	21-23	23
Nazareth	71	15-17	17
Afula	60	7-18	20
Shomron	58	12-19	21
Tel Aviv	65	10-18	17
B-G Airport	58	10-18	23
Jericho	56	10-21	23
Qaza	58	12-18	20
Beer Sheva	54	9-17	19
Kilat	53	13-23	25

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Technion senate has bestowed the title of Research Professor on Prof. Ya'acov Ziv, of the Electrical Engineering Faculty. It is the highest honour granted to faculty members for extraordinary research achievements.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt will address the Rotary Club at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 p.m. today.

The Israel Physics Society will hold its annual conference at Bar-Ilan University today. Among the approximately 250 participants from here and abroad will be Prof. P.G. de Gennes of France.

Birth

NARUNSKY. To Dana and David, of March 22 in Tel Aviv, a son, grandson to Essie Narunsky and George Arazi, great-grandson to Harry Narunsky and Morris Shapiro of South Africa.

Christian factions battle near Tripoli

TRIPOLI (Reuters). — Rival Christian militias traded artillery fire yesterday in mountainous country south of this northern Lebanese port, security sources said.

They said the shelling was between the Phalange militia, which holds a strip of mountain land running up the coast from Beirut, and the "Marada Brigades" of pro-Syrian former president Suleiman Frangieh, based farther north.

The sources had no word on any casualties, but said one shell had landed in the coastal town of Batroun, controlled by the Syrian forces in Lebanon, and had damaged two cars there.

FAMILY LAW

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students "whose sole occupation is study."

Wattad and Halaili argue that this combination of increased allowances for demobilized Jews and Jews who do not serve in the IDF discriminates against them. Being fathers of large families, they, too, should receive the enlarged child allowances "and should not be discriminated against because of their religious or national affiliation," say the two MKs. (Itim)

ROAD SAFETY. — Police in the three big cities have encountered difficulties in finding students willing to serve in the safety patrols on the country's roads. The original plan was to raise a force of 200 students on half-pay to help police enforce traffic laws, but only a handful have turned up for work this year.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Arens said in favour of 'Ground Command'

Post Defence Correspondent

Defence Minister Moshe Arens is favourably considering ordering Israel's next chief of staff to create a Ground Forces Command.

The move will bring about a basic reorganization of the Israel Defence Forces, whereby the infantry, the armoured, the artillery and the engineers corps will be brought under a control command. The general staff including two previous chiefs of staff, Mordechai Gur and Rafael Eitan, resisted the change, contending that such a move would take away from the responsibilities of the chief of staff, and create a new and unnecessary administrative echelon that would force good officers out of field commands to positions behind desks. Arens' tendency to go ahead is based on a long series of conversations with incumbent and retired generals, who recommend that the steps suggested by Aluf Yisrael Tal some six years ago be implemented. Many generals have changed their view on the subject since the war in Lebanon, including some former severe critics like OC Northern Command Aluf Avigdor Ben-Gal, who is now in

favour of the change.

Chief of staff-designate Aluf Moshe Levi did not advocate the change, but apparently will be willing to accept Arens' order possibly because of a change in his own views, and probably because of the positive attitude toward the change now expressed by the overwhelming majority of the general staff.

The change will only come about after Levi assumes his post in mid-April.

Arens visits producer of Lavi aircraft engine

Jerusalem Post Staff

Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday toured the production line of the Beit Shemesh Engines company, and was briefed on preparations for the production of the Lavi attack aircraft engine.

Arens also met with workers and heard about their work and conditions of employment. The plant manufactures engines and engine parts for various aircraft, and will expand its output as the Lavi project gets under way.

Herzog skirts controversy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President-elect Chaim Herzog, facing Israel Television interviews last night, declined gracefully to comment on controversial matters like who is a Jew, settlements in Judea and Samaria, and whether a president should go into politics after completing his term.

Appearing on the *Moked* programme, Herzog said that he must remain above politics and represent the nation as a whole, but he did comment on the following issues:

- The balloting for president should remain secret.
- The moral level of Israel's democracy is on a par with that of other Western democracies.
- He expects to be a president close to the people.
- Gaps in Israeli society must be narrowed by helping the disadvantaged catch up.
- A president should be able to comment — up to a point — on moral issues.

O'Brien congratulates Herzog in Gaelic

LONDON (JTA). — Connor Cruise O'Brien, the former Irish government minister, said last night that his "heart overflows with pride" at the election of Irish-born Chaim Herzog as president of Israel.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association, O'Brien, a former editor and now regular columnist of *The Observer*, recited a special Irish greeting to Herzog who, he said, speaks better Gaelic than he himself does.

The Gaelic words, which O'Brien afterwards spelled out for the JTA, were: "Beir bua agus beannacht go h-uachtaran Israel," which in English means: "I wish a triumph and a blessing to the president of Israel."

Major newspapers in Ireland commented favourably on Herzog's election.

The *Irish Press* published a front-page interview with the head of the Irish Jewish Council, Judge Hubert Wein, who studied with Herzog at Wesley College in Dublin. Wein emphasized Herzog's affection for the land of his birth.

The *Irish Times*, in its foreign pages, emphasized that Herzog was born in Ireland and lamented on the poor state of relations between Ireland and Israel.

Soldiers trap 80 students inside Birzeit

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 80 students at Birzeit University north of Ramallah were trapped inside their campus last night when soldiers surrounded the area after a routine patrol in the town was stoned earlier in the evening, local and military sources confirmed.

The patrol found anti-Israel slogans on the walls of buildings in the area where they were stoned and, in line with military practice in the administered territories, called on the residents of the buildings to clean off the slogans.

"The residents in this case happen to be students at the university," military sources explained last night.

Local sources contend, however, that the Israel Defence Forces picked up students at random in the town, confiscated their identity cards and forced them — some at gunpoint — to clean off the slogans. There were also allegations of beatings.

Soldiers also searched the buildings and found material considered "likely to incite." At least 20 students have been detained.

The confrontation with the IDF immediately generated tension at the fiercely nationalistic university and about 80 students, who were reported to be using the library inside the walled campus, are said to be refusing to leave the area for fear of arrest by the soldiers stationed outside.

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September 1. It is the situation that we continue to espouse. There is nothing beyond that."

Post Defence Correspondent Hersh Goodman adds:

A senior team of U.S. Air Force officers will arrive in Israel soon to receive information from the Israel Defence Forces on the war in Lebanon. They will meet with an Israeli team coordinated by Dr. Benzion Navah, head of research and development at the Defence Ministry.

Israeli defence officials said yesterday that they do not consider the American decision to expedite the sending to Israel of 200 air-to-air missiles a reciprocal gesture. They pointed out that the move does not constitute the lifting of an embargo on American weapons to Israel, but comes as the result of an administration decision to speed up the legislative process expediting the delivery of the 200 missiles over which there has been no controversy.

The Americans have still to lift the embargo on 75 F-16s to Israel, as well as on other items, mainly ordinance, imposed as a result of Israeli retaliatory strikes against the PLO in Lebanon.

American interest in the war's results will initially focus on the air force, but will later move to other fields. The Americans are interested in both the performance of their own equipment, and that of the Russians.

UK community leader made BBC chairman

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A leading member of the Jewish community here was appointed yesterday chairman of the British Broadcasting Corporation board of governors. He is Stuart Young, who is a governor and vice-chairman of Tel Aviv University and is also active with the British Friends of the Hebrew University.

Doctors losing patience, but talks with Treasury continue

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Against a background of increasing pressure by certain groups in the Israel Medical Association to intensify the 22-day-old strike, the experts' committee of IMA and Treasury representatives will meet at 9 this morning in Tel Aviv for further talks.

The talks will centre on the positions outlined yesterday at a five-hour meeting between "technical teams," consisting of economists, computer experts and

two senior doctors, who met to "discuss and clarify" the salary scales proposed by each side.

The IMA spokesman said last night that a "significant gap existed between the proposals made by the Treasury and those of the IMA."

The IMA negotiating team is under considerable pressure from various groups of doctors to achieve some sort of results rapidly, or else to declare an immediate intensification of the strike. This could include further reductions in number of doctors staffing the hospitals, which

are already running at 25 to 30 per cent of their regular staff, and other steps that the IMA declines to make public.

"Some doctors, including those from peripheral hospitals and health-fund clinics as well as those from the central region, are running out of patience," a member of the negotiating team told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai yesterday appealed to Health Minister Eliezer Shostak to "use the full weight of his position" to persuade the Histadrut's Kupat Holim Klalit to start filling prescriptions issued by doctors working in the network of 280 temporary medical centres throughout the country.

Shostak had not seen the letter because he was in the Knesset all day, the ministry spokeswoman said last night. But she added that the Histadrut's health fund is an independent body and the ministry is not responsible for its decisions.

The Kupat Holim Klalit spokesman was unavailable for comment last night.



A baby kangaroo, or joey, photographed in its mother's pouch yesterday at the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo. The joey remains in the pouch for about three months; this one has another month to go. (Scoop 80)

Israeli charges of bias are rejected by Britain

Jerusalem Post Staff

LONDON. — Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the British Foreign Office, yesterday denied the accusations of "bias" levelled by Israel at Foreign Secretary Francis Pym after last Friday's Arab League visit to London.

In an interview with Israeli correspondents, Hurd said Pym had been "accurate" in saying Israel was primarily responsible for blocking progress to negotiations on an overall Middle East settlement. His remark followed a protest by the Israeli embassy over Pym's "one-sided" comments. Hurd also described as "balanced" Tuesday's statement in Brussels on the Middle East by the European Economic Community heads.

He called the statement "a document of encouragement and not a European initiative." It was intended to encourage the Arabs, the U.S. and Israel to move towards peace in the Middle East, he said.

In Brussels the EEC condemned Israeli settlements in Judea and Samaria as an "obstacle to peace." It repeated the declaration it made in Venice in 1980 that any Middle East peace settlement must include representatives of the Palestinian people including the PLO.

Hurd urged Israel not to make "premature accusations" of bias against the EEC for the Brussels declaration as it had done after the Venice declaration.

Summing up Friday's Arab League mission to London, he said that the "good atmosphere" created "will enable us to get rid of some misunderstandings and get back to playing a reasonably energetic role in the area."

Next week, Hurd will visit Kuwait, Iraq and Lebanon.

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Summing up Friday's Arab League mission to London, he said that the "good atmosphere" created "will enable us to get rid of some misunderstandings and get back to playing a reasonably energetic role in the area."

Next week, Hurd will visit Kuwait, Iraq and Lebanon.

DISTORTION

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"total distortion... for Israel alone among all the parties to the conflict has incessantly demanded peace negotiations."

The Israeli statement said it is "incomprehensible" how the EEC leaders arrived at their assessment that the recent resolutions of the

Palestine National Council, meeting in Algiers, are a potential contribution to peace.

The Israeli broadcast accuses the Europeans of "unrealism" and notes that they have "completely ignored the only stabilizing element in recent Middle East developments: the Camp David accords."

HADDAD OBSTACLE

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Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, insisted that Israel cannot give way on this issue. Israel's plans for joint patrols and other forms of cooperation with the Lebanese Army are dependent, he indicated, on Haddad's retaining his key role in South Lebanon.

(The concept "joint patrols" has not been agreed to by the Lebanese. They speak in terms of "joint supervision." But Israeli negotiators hope that on this matter, and that in practice there will be joint patrols — regardless of what term is used to describe them. "We will not give ground on this," an Israeli source declared last night.)

Israeli negotiators say they "cannot understand" the Beirut government's obduracy over Haddad. One theory is that Haddad's original allegiance to the Chamoun clan still rankles with President Amin Jemayel. Another, more hopeful theory is that the Lebanese position is "tactical" and will eventually soften.

If the Haddad issue can be resolved, say Israeli sources, a major step forward will have been taken — but many other problems

will still remain to be ironed out, both in the area of military arrangements and in the area of civilian intercourse.

However, Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche, who heads the Israeli team in the negotiations with Lebanon said on Tuesday, according to our London correspondent, Hymn Corney, that an "impressive part" of an agreement with Lebanon has been drafted.

Addressing the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association in London, Kimche stressed that, contrary to reports, progress has been made in the negotiations with the Lebanese and is still being made, though he confessed that the talks are "not easy."

The Lebanese, he maintained, are happy that the Israelis insist that they will not withdraw their forces until the Syrians and the PLO do so as well. "The Lebanese do not want us to go before the others." Despite the doubts, "we shall reach an agreement with the Lebanese in the not too distant future," he stressed.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said in a radio interview yesterday that Israel is nearing the end of negotiations about security arrangements.

Burg regrets Eitan's charge as CoS stands by accusation

Jerusalem Post Staff

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday expressed regret at the statement by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan that an Arab had murdered 11-year-old Nava Elimelech, as a test for initiation into a terrorist group. But Eitan told a meeting of Orthodox teachers in Tel Aviv that he stood by his story.

Burg, interviewed on Kol Yisrael radio's "Press Conference," said that the police had considered this theory at one stage during the investigation, but had dropped it because there was absolutely no proof.

Burg expressed regret for the sorrow that had been caused the Elimelech family. The minister asked why Eitan had not come forward with proof to back up his statement.

Speaking to the Orthodox Teachers' Club in Tel Aviv, Eitan said he did not make statements for their own sake. He had no reason to alter what he had said. "I don't want to argue with anyone; but I know what I am talking about," he said.

A Knesset Member, related to

the parents of the murdered child, has written an angry letter to the chief of staff, telling him to "put up or shut up."

The normally reticent Rafael Eidi (Alignment-Labour) wrote that he was "astounded by the irresponsible allegations, which have caused much suffering to the Elimelech family."

If it is true that an Arab had killed Nava as an entrance test to a terror group, Eidi asked, why has this been kept secret? Furthermore, if there was precise information, why had no arrest been made?

He asked why, since the police have denied all knowledge of the allegations, Eitan has not given them his information to the police.

Nava Elimelech's dismembered body was found eight days after her murder more than a year ago. Police sources told *The Jerusalem Post* on Tuesday that initiation tests to terrorist organizations usually involved demonstrative acts of violence, whereas Elimelech's murder was concealed. A detective said that Eitan's theory is "implausible."

Eitan lauds women soldier teachers

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan maintained at a meeting with veteran teachers yesterday that the Israel Defence Forces' young soldier-teachers do a better job than they.

It takes the women soldiers only one month to teach the *Alph-Bet* to illiterates on the eve of their military service compared with a whole year it takes the elementary-school teachers, he said.

"You don't believe me? Go and see for yourselves," he told the Orthodox Teachers' Club here.

He recalled that several principals who visited the IDF education system said if they had the capacity of the women soldiers, "there wouldn't be even one illiterate in the country."

The IDF's pupils are school dropouts. They study under a rigid

regime, but since they cannot be expected to keep at their desks from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., their studies are combined with military training, sports and tours of the country.

Eitan said there are only eight to ten pupils in a class. The students are on the eve of their military service and are highly motivated. "They know it is their last chance to learn how to read and write at the level of first grade elementary school. Their ability to absorb is great," he said.

Replying to a question, Eitan supported calling up all Orthodox girls for national service — to teach, work in hospitals or provide social services. They may do the jobs of other women soldiers without wearing a uniform, he said. The IDF assigns 700 women soldiers to teach on behalf of the Education and Culture Ministry and 1,700 could be used, he said.

Teachers plan sanctions after Pessah vacation

By LEA LEVAVI
and CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — The two teachers' unions yesterday declared a labour dispute over the government's alleged failure to implement the Etzioni Commission recommendations. This will enable them to begin sanctions or call a general strike immediately after the Pessah vacation.

Amnon Abramson, secretary-general of the Histadrut Teachers' Union, said that the two unions had presented their demands at a negotiating session on Monday. These demands, based on the recommendations of the Etzioni Commission, include smaller classes, a solution to problems of exceptional children in the classroom, better working conditions for teachers, incentives for teachers in development towns and slum neighbourhoods, and salary increases for teachers.

At Tuesday's session of the inter-ministerial committee headed by Education and Culture Minister Shmueli, the Treasury representative said that funds for salary increases must come from the ministry budget. Shmueli said that if it is decided to raise teachers' salaries, the money must come from the general budget reserve. Money for implementing other aspects of the recommenda-

tions could come from the ministry budget, he said.

The teachers' unions said yesterday that the issue of where the money comes from does not interest them, and that the government is responsible for implementing the recommendations.

Shmueli noted that only Hillel Dudai, head of the Treasury's wage division, has been authorized by the cabinet to negotiate with the teachers on salary increases. Dudai is in Japan.

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor are to meet soon to discuss the next phase in the implementation of the Etzioni recommendations.

Drivers Killed, injured

HAIFA (Itim). — One person was killed and three were injured in the past two days when the vehicles they were driving struck immobile objects.

Yitzhak Bouiskila, 26, of Tzur Shalom, died in Rambam Hospital here yesterday of injuries suffered when his car struck an electricity pylon Tuesday night.

Two drivers were seriously injured yesterday when a pickup truck struck an Israel Defence Forces truck parked beside the road at the G'ulin intersection.

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities
mourns the sudden death of its distinguished member

Prof. SAUL LIEBERMAN ז"ל

The funeral will leave today, Thursday, March 24, 1983, at 11:00 a.m. from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem.

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The funeral will take place today, Thursday, March 24, 1983 (Nissan 10) at Sanhedria, Jerusalem, at 11 a.m.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Julis and Kafr Yasif end two-year feud at colourful 'sulha'

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH — Hundreds of Arab spiritual leaders, dignitaries and chairmen of local councils yesterday attended a colourful *sulha* reconciliation ceremony to put an end to the feud between the Druze village of Julis and their predominantly Christian neighbours in Kafr Yasif, in Western Galilee.

The feud between the two villages was triggered on April 11, 1981 when a soccer fan from Julis was stabbed to death during a football game in Kafr Yasif. Three days later, Julis residents rioted in Kafr Yasif, killed two local residents, set 23 cars on fire and damaged property.

They said the attack was a "retaliation" because the Kafr Yasif authorities had not tried to make a truce between them and their village in accordance with Arab custom. After the attack, police reinforcements were stationed in the area, and senior police officers and a public committee tried to persuade the factions to make peace. They finally succeeded last week.

The *sulha* was arranged by government officials, senior police officers, and the public committee, aided by more than 300,000 in contributions collected in Israel and abroad to compensate the bereaved families and to cover damage to cars and property.

The government also donated IS1,300,000.

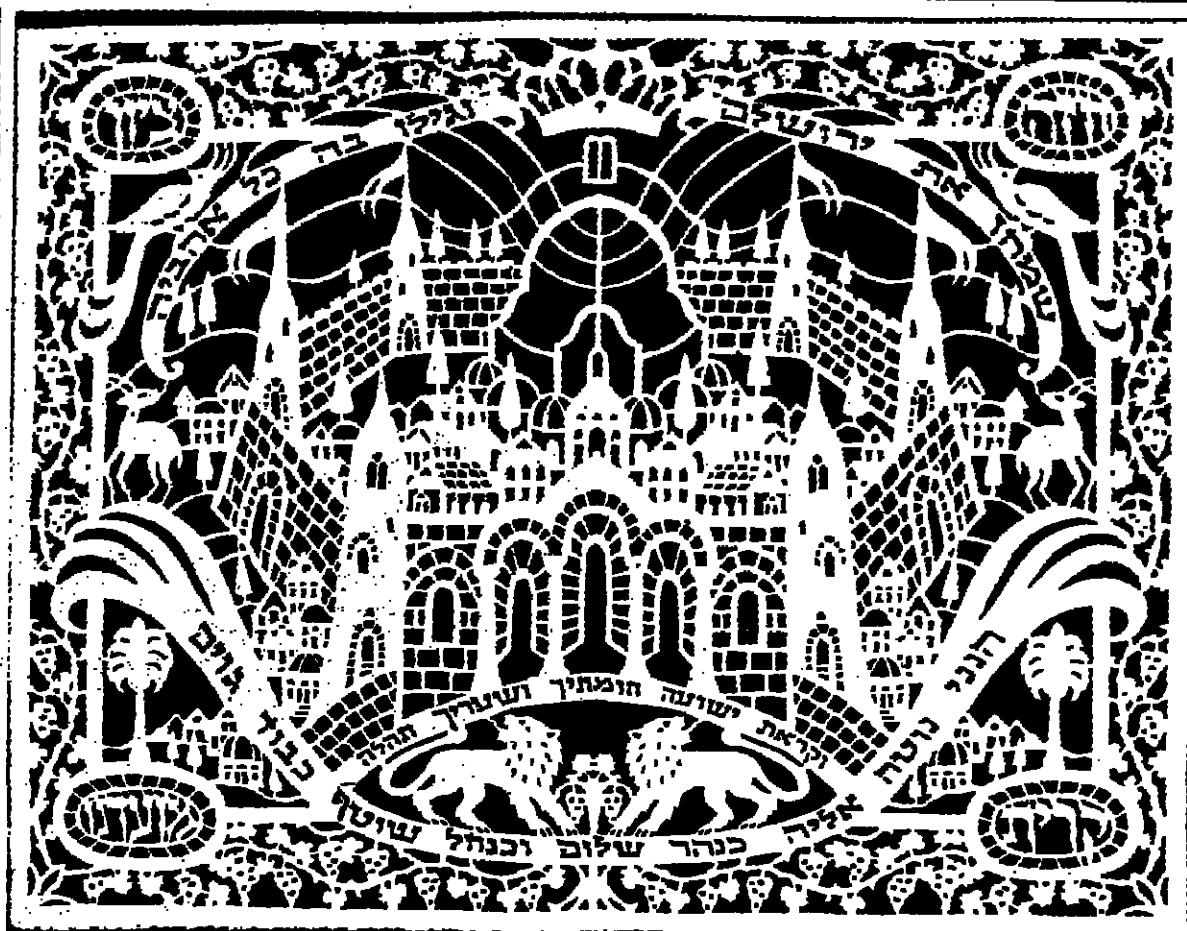
The ceremony started when a number of dignitaries headed by the Director General of the Prime Minister's Office, Mattityahu Shmuelovitz, visited the house of the spiritual leader of the Druze community, Sheikh Amin Tarif, and asked him to accompany them to the *sulha*.

Despite ill health, the 85-year-old leader gave his blessing and accompanied them to the Kafr Yasif, where the Moslem and Christian spiritual leaders waited.

The guests and hosts shook hands, embraced and kissed each other. Yakob Daud, the father who lost his son Habib in the attack on the village, sat among the dignitaries. He also shook hands with Druze dignitaries. Sheikh Jaber Muaid, a former Knesset Member, praised all those who had agreed to forget the tragic past and turn over a new leaf.

The head of the Greek Catholic Church, Bishop Maximus Salloum, thanked all those who knew how to forgive. Shmuelovitz expressed the hope that the *sulha* would set a precedent for other villages and communities in Israel and across the border.

"Nothing is more important and more conservative than peace while nothing is more destructive than hatred and war," he said. The dignitaries and local residents then held a similar ceremony in Julis.



One of the six prize-winning art works in a recent competition on "Jerusalem as a symbol," which was sponsored by the Society for Jewish Art in advance of its annual conference, to begin next Thursday at the Jerusalem Van Leer Foundation.

'TV beating the videos'

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Despite the recent acquisition in many homes (25,000) of videotape recorders, viewing of Israel Television programmes has increased by 10 to 20 per cent compared to the end of 1980, according to a survey conducted for the Broadcasting Authority.

Authority director-general Yosef Lapid, who presented the results of the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research poll, said: "This proves that Israel TV has improved and is more acceptable to viewers." Lapid called the results "beyond our wildest expectations."

Friday night is the most popular time for TV watching. The weekly newsmagazine on Friday night is watched "always or often" by 70 per cent of the viewers and "occasionally" by nine per cent. The *Hasha'a* magazine is viewed regularly by 70 per cent of those who watch TV on Friday night. These figures are 10-20 per cent higher than those reported in the 1980 poll.

Ninety-six per cent of the population were found to watch TV. Among children's programmes, viewing on weekdays nearly doubled to 40 per cent, from 22 per cent in 1980.

New committee on Jerusalem appointed

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Coordination of plans for development of Jerusalem and its environs — with special emphasis on the city's position as government centre — yesterday became the responsibility of a new 13-member inter-ministerial committee.

Headed by Interior Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, the committee will be the clearinghouse for all long and short-term plans of government agencies, the Jerusalem Municipality or national institutions such as the Jewish Agency.

The committee has been granted ministerial authority, and its decisions will be final unless a cabinet minister appeals against that decision within 14 days.

At its meeting yesterday, the cabinet committee on interior affairs, headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg, voted to establish the new committee, one of the aims of which is to revive the government's efforts to have all ministries move their headquarters to the capital.

Cabdrivers' pestering curbed at airport

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tourists stepping out of the customs hall at Ben-Gurion airport will no longer find themselves facing pestering taxi drivers who shun short rides, pack several passengers into their cabs and overcharge the clients.

According to a new system enforced by police, all taxi drivers must wait at a taxi rank. One official checks whether the car is clean and

Holocaust memorial for London

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON — A memorial to the victims of the Holocaust is to be built in the form of a garden in Hyde Park, in London's centre. It will comprise "a modest and simple" landscaping of trees, shrubs and plants, with a stone set at its centre, with a Biblical quotation selected by Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits in Hebrew and English.

The memorial was announced in the House of Commons this week by Neil MacParlane, under-secretary of state at the Department of the Environment. He said that it would be under the auspices of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Greville Janner, MP, who has been campaigning for a memorial for a long time, commented that he was "delighted." He hoped that the garden "will be regarded by the people of Britain not merely as a signal memory of the evils of the Holocaust but also as a reminder that, when flames of hatred are lit against the Jewish people, they rampage unconfined."

London is one of the few capitals in Western Europe that does not have a memorial to the victims of the Holocaust.

POLITICIAN — Shafiq Alam Prodhana, leader of the Jatiya Ganatantrik (National Democratic) party, has been arrested on robbery charges, Bangladesh police said yesterday.

Tense Liberal Party to vote tonight for its sixth minister

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — Tensions are mounting in the Liberal Party, whose central committee is to choose the party's sixth cabinet member tonight. Uncertainty and suspicion abound, augmented by the atmosphere of mistrust created by the coalition's failure to elect its presidential candidate Tuesday.

Many Liberals are convinced that some of their own members were among those who "betrayed" the coalition, and this has only heightened talk in the party of possible betrayals on undertakings in the crucial party vote tonight.

The major contestants are Likud Knesset faction head Sarah Doron and Deputy Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper. Doron is backed by the factions of Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Peit and Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir, and Grupper was nominated by the rival faction of Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

Also in the running are Knesset Member Yehuda Perah and former MK Moshe Meron.

Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich refused to commit his support to any side, though he is seen as leaning towards Doron. He wryly noted yesterday that the Liberal committee members will be voting by secret ballot today, "and from what we saw in the Knesset Tuesday, promises are broken when people don't vote openly."

"This is a sad situation, but I am not going to work for any candidate, because I am not sure I can trust anyone anymore or take anyone's word at face value," he said.

The always-turbulent politics of the Liberal Party are stormier than ever on the eve of the committee vote, because the result may create upheavals in the party. If Moda'i fails, he will find himself in a more politically vulnerable position than ever, and Liberals fear that the already "frustrated Moda'i" would become a "very dangerous man" in the party.

The sixth Liberal minister would serve as a minister without portfolio. The Liberals have had the option of sending another of their members to the cabinet ever since MK Yitzhak Berman left the government. He was to have been succeeded by the late MK David Shifman, one of the most important figures in the Moda'i faction. His death greatly weakened that faction.

Another element was injected into the Liberal cauldron by Agudat Yisrael, which has told the party that it will not support Doron in the Knesset, because of her opposition to amending the Law of Return and her record of opposition to most of the religious legislation sponsored by Agudat Yisrael and the National Religious Party.

She may also not get the support of all NRP MKs.

Loan fund to aid returners

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A \$1 million loan fund for returning Israelis will soon be set up jointly by the Absorption Ministry and the World Zionist Organization.

The decision to establish the fund was taken at a meeting yesterday of the inter-office committee on returning Israelis, comprising Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan, WZO Aliya Department chairman Raphael Kotlowitz and Dov Shilansky, deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Office. The committee had not met for a year due to feuding between Uzan and Kotlowitz on who has the authority to deal with emigrants and what measures should be taken to encourage their return.

According to the WZO, the meeting was held in a "friendly at-

mosphere and a desire to cooperate among all the participants."

One quarter of the fund's finances will come from the Absorption Ministry, another quarter from the Aliya Department and the rest from commercial banks in Israel.

The WZO's Finance Department will soon contact various banks to arrange the loan fund.

Loans will be granted in dollars. They will be used to help returning Israelis pay for their flight tickets and transport of their household goods.

The three officials also decided that committees would be established in the U.S. and France to deal directly with the would-be returnees.

The committees will be headed by the head of the local aliya centre closest to where the applicant lives.

Israeli official visits Beirut Jewish community

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Foreign Ministry representative in Beirut, Bruce Kashdan, yesterday visited the Magen Avraham Synagogue in West Beirut, which is undergoing restoration. He met representatives of the local Jewish community and conveyed to them good wishes for Pesah.

Beirut's Jewish community leaders told Kashdan they had recently received wine, matzot and other kosher food for the festival from Israel and Europe. They in turn sent a bottle of wine to President Yitzhak Navon, with greetings to the president and the people of Israel. In the message they said they look forward to "strong ties" between the Lebanese Jewish community and Israel.

Some Lebanese Jewish families have come to live in Israel since the war.

Latin patriarch to inaugurate Holy Year as papal envoy

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Roman Catholic Holy Year, which begins tomorrow, will have special significance for the Holy Land, according to Msgr. Richard Mathes, head of the Notre Dame centre for pilgrims in Jerusalem.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, he explained that the pope has named Latin Patriarch Giacomo Beltritti as his special personal envoy to preside over the opening of Holy Year at tomorrow's Feast of the Annunciation at the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. The ceremony is to begin at 10 a.m.

This is an extraordinary Holy Year, marking 1,950 years since the death of Jesus. In contrast to regular holy years, in which

pilgrimage to Rome is a focal point, every diocese is to decide how this year will be marked.

From a religious point of view, the appointment of the patriarch as the pope's representative is very special, Mathes said. There has been no stated encouragement of pilgrimage to the Holy Land, but Mathes is convinced that many will decide to come.

Already, he said, there is pressure from groups and clergy for accommodation and other facilities and he believes this will increase during the autumn and winter. As part of the preparations, Notre Dame has opened a special Vatican Pilgrims' Liaison Office, both to promote pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to help local Christians make pilgrimages to Rome.

Emunah protests against lascivious ads

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Press Council should prevent advertising that uses pictures of the human body in lascivious poses. Newspaper editors should stop hiding behind the proviso that the editorial board is not responsible for the content of paid ads, and radio and television editors should refuse to broadcast radio commercials or TV public service announcements which use sex as a selling tool.

These requests were made yesterday by leaders of Emunah, the National Religious Women's Movement, at a press conference called to protest what they called the "vulgarization of communications."

"The radio keeps telling us to run and buy the sex encyclopedia *A Man*

And A Woman," Miriam Yehieli, Emunah's public relations director, said. "And the laundering of our underwear, which used to be a private matter, has become public... My husband and I used to let our four children read whatever they wished in the papers and watch whatever they wished on TV, but now we have to go through the papers first and cut out ads for Eros and other pornography. Even newspapers and magazines aimed at teenagers are not always fit to come in to a religious home these days."

Mrs. Yehieli Huebner said she was sure that many parents and teachers who do not consider themselves religious agree with Emunah that there must be limits on what can be published and broadcast.

3 Lebanese wounded as Israelis disperse riot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Three South Lebanese citizens were wounded yesterday, when Israeli soldiers fired in the air to disperse a demonstration north of Tyre. The injured were taken to Tyre Hospital for treatment.

Military sources in Lebanon told *The Jerusalem Post* that villagers from Adaloun blocked the coastal road north of Tyre with stones, to demonstrate against the detention

of a local Shiite religious leader from Jibsi by the Israel Defence Forces last week. They refused to let two Israeli water tankers pass, and threw stones.

On Tuesday there were demonstrations in Nabatiya for the same reason.

According to foreign news agencies in Beirut, there were 300 demonstrators, and five women were injured by Israeli fire.

Jewish group asks to renew Paschal offering

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A request to revive the ancient sacrifice of a lamb on the Temple Mount on Pesach Eve next Monday has been made by the Faithful of the Temple Mount group in letters to Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

The leader of the group, Gershon Solomon, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the group has also asked permission to hold a Pesach Seder on the mount.

If the requests are denied, he said, the group will not use force. "Burg said in a radio interview yesterday that 'It would be a fatal

error to enter into a holy war with Moslems around the world. According to the *Halacha* (Jewish law) as determined by Rabbi Kook, it is forbidden for Jews to step on the Temple Mount. There is no comparison with the Cave of the Patriarchs (in Hebron, where Jews have won the right to pray). We have to preserve the holy places and reduce friction and conflicts."

Public Sedarim in TA

TEL AVIV — The Tel Aviv municipality is preparing to serve some 1,000 festive Seder meals to needy citizens without families.

Percy Unikovsky, head of the municipality's relief services department, said that this is the third year the city has organized public Sedarim for the needy. Some 400 persons attended last year's Sedarim, and the city plans to expand the programme next year. The Sedarim will take place at eight localities around the city, including the Great Synagogue.

New Jewish-Arab body plans march, parley

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA — "Let's go together" will be the slogan of a Jewish-Palestinian march being organized by a newly formed Association for Implementation of the Camp David Agreements planned for next month.

The association was founded by members of three kibbutzim — Beit Hashita, Hazorea and Gan Shmuel. It is working together with the Arab village leagues in Judea and Samaria and moderate Arab leaders there.

An Arab-Jewish conference is to take place in Beit She'an on April 6.

Visiting Egypt oil chiefs meet Moda'i

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The heads of the Egyptian national oil company now on their first visit to Israel yesterday met Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and other officials.

The head of the Fuel Administration, Shimon Gilboa, who took part in the meeting, said that future oil purchases were discussed, but could not give details.

The Egyptian delegation, headed by Abdel-Hadi Kandil, is in Israel to get acquainted with the oil companies and government agencies with which they do business. They have toured the Haifa oil refineries and areas in Lower Galilee during their five-day stay.

Israel buys 25 per cent of its oil from Egypt, 45 per cent from Mexico and the rest on the "spot market."

El Al forced to fire disabled employees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Three disabled veterans who have been on the El Al pilots' roster for a few years will be discharged on April 4, contrary to management wishes. The El Al spokesman said yesterday.

The three were among the 21 pilots with the least seniority in the company. The Histadrut requested that the "last in first out" principle be followed to the letter in the instance of pilots as part of the efforts to streamline the company.

The management did not include

the disabled men in its list of pilots to be fired. The pilots' works committee, however, insisted that the three be treated like everybody else. The matter was referred to Mordechai Bibi, a lawyer, for arbitration. Bibi yesterday ruled that Histadrut rules must be adhered to.

Management was "stunned" by the decision, the company spokesman said. The company, he said, does not consider the matter to be closed, and is taking it to the disabled persons' division at the Defence Ministry.

MKs appeal to IDF on delinquent soldier

Post Knesset Correspondent

Two Alignment Knesset Members yesterday asked the Israel Defence Forces not to be so harsh with a soldier who was sentenced to 35 days for refusing to serve in the administered areas. He has already served 65 days on the same charge.

Shulamit Aloni (Citizens Rights

Movement) and Yosef Sarid (Labour) said it was not necessary to agree with the views of the soldier, Anatoly Vablonka, in order to respect his readiness to face the consequences of his opinions.

Aloni and Sarid urged "more tolerance and consideration, less arbitrariness and vindictiveness."

Taxi fares raised by five per cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Transport Ministry yesterday granted the taxi industry a five per cent fare increase.

Some representative maximum

fares are: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv, IS100 daytime and IS125 at night; Jerusalem-Haifa, IS183 daytime and

IS228 at night; and Tel Aviv-Haifa, IS112 daytime and IS141 at night.

The five per cent increase is on top of a 10 per cent increase awarded by the Transport Ministry to the taxi drivers a fortnight ago.

The drivers have been demanding a 28.5 per cent increase.

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Monkeying with science teaching

By YITZHAK DINUR / Special to The Jerusalem Post

tive authority.

Creationists hold that creation is the most basic of all Christian beliefs. They claim that the account of creation in the Book of Genesis is not religious dogma but an alternative scientific hypothesis which should be evaluated by scientific procedures. They present themselves not as believers but as scientists engaged in scholarly debate as to the validity of the two theories.

The subject came to public attention in 1981, when Act 590 was passed in Arkansas. This act compelled schools to allot as much time to creation science as they did to evolution. On January 5, 1982, at Little Rock, it was ruled that this act violated the U.S. Constitution by introducing religion under another guise into U.S. schools.

A SIMILAR attempt is now being made in Israel. There have been newspaper articles and television interviews, and talk of a petition to the High Court that will ask for the granting of equal time to creationist theory as is devoted to the theory of evolution in Israel's State (non-religious) schools.

The applicants demand that the biblical account of creation be taught as an equal and alternative scientific explanation to the origin of the species (vs. Darwinian evolution), to the origin of the universe (vs. scientific cosmology) and to the development of the earth (vs. modern geology).

The beliefs and aims of the Jewish applicants are identical with those of the Christian Fundamentalists on this matter. Only the background is different.

Israel has several school systems, the largest of which is secular and the remainder of which are religious — of different streams of orthodoxy.

Evolution is taught in the secular schools but is proscribed in the religious schools. These teach creation as literal truth, both as part of their sacred studies curriculum and in their scientific studies curriculum, where such exist. The ultra-orthodox teach no science at all.

The children of the orthodox religious population are in no danger of absorbing "heretical" evolutionary ideas in their schools. Why, then, should this concern exist that evolution is being taught in the secular schools?

The original concern is doctrinal: "Thou shalt remove the evil from thy midst." (Deuteronomy, 13:6). This sentence is used as justification for the strong tradition of intolerance which exists in Judaism

alongside more tolerant attitudes. This intolerance is particularly characteristic of East European orthodoxy, which dominates Israel's religious scene. This school of thought holds that all Jews must carry out religious precepts by force of law, or by simple force if necessary.

They believe that it is evil if evolution is taught to any Jewish children, and since they cannot prevent this, they want to at least achieve an equal place for the creation account as a scientific theory. Many people see this as an attempt to infiltrate their religious beliefs into the secular school system. The scientific arguments are adopted, pre-prepared from Christian Fundamentalists in the U.S.

ONE OF THE bases of this attitude is an inability to make any accommodation to science in general and to evolution in particular. Such accommodation had already been made in enlightened Christian (and some Jewish) circles by the turn of the century. Both religious thinkers and religious scientists were increasingly inclined to accept the theories of Darwin as revealing God's purpose, and a number of elaborate theses had been developed to reconcile geology and the first two chapters of Genesis, i.e., that the six days of creation were eras in geology, and that the world was created in such a fashion as to appear old.

Darwin himself did not reject the idea of a creator, but he believed that the world and its plant and animal life might have been created and then left to develop.

Both Christian and Jewish Fundamentalists have been unable to make this accommodation. They do, however, use sophisticated arguments to support their claim that the creation account in Genesis is a scientific description rather than an article of faith. Other streams of Jewish religious thought which have reached an accommodation with scientific teachings within the framework of their overall religious beliefs are themselves subject to restrictions in Israel.

WHEN THE State of Israel was established, the religious sector — Mizrahi, Agudat Israel and especially the ultra-Orthodox — felt themselves under siege. Since then, their numbers have increased due to a high birthrate and they have also been able to win many concessions from the non-religious majority by a judicious use of their political posi-

tion. This has enabled them to tip the balance either way when government coalitions are being formed.

These groups now feel themselves much stronger and no longer under siege. The demand to teach the creation in Genesis as an alternative scientific theory is being pushed at this time because of a favourable position and a possibility of success.

Members of one Orthodox group, mainly National Religious Party sympathisers, have in recent years abandoned the unskilled occupations to which religious Jews have traditionally confined themselves in Israel, and have entered into skilled technical, and scientific occupations, via a number of excellent religious vocational and technical high schools. The same sector supplies many of the candidates for the Yeshivot Hesder and some crack army units.

These educated orthodox persons are usually willing to accept and utilize the practical benefits of science but are wary of the atmosphere of self-criticism, mutual criticism and of scepticism associated with it. In this light, it is reasonable that the Scientific Technological Institute for Halachic Problems in Bayit Vegan, Jerusalem, is of a purely practical, applied nature.

This group is unable to accept evolution because they cannot accommodate it to their beliefs. Yet, they are the most likely to be forced to confront it, and they are interested in being able to do so. They are therefore most interested in having the creation account presented as science.

Another group who are strongly anti-science and anti-evolutionary are the newly religious who have come from non-religious backgrounds and have recently returned to observance. Having abandoned their former opinions they now reject that which they embraced yesterday. They yearn to be in the forefront of the battle for the truth as they see it, often to the dismay of the veteran religious who find them overzealous.

Among the group of parents who are planning the application to the High Court on this matter, these newly religious are heavily represented. In some cases this stems from a personal problem: Some of them, having left their spouses for their new-found religion, are now interested in ensuring that their children from these previous marriages should receive a religious education. They often cannot remove the children from the secular school system because the courts have given custody of the children to the other parent, and in desperation they try to change the secular school curriculum.

All these factors and groups constitute the background to the attempt to have creation science brought into the secular schools by court order.

IN MAINSTREAM Jewish thought, although belief in the creation of the world *ex nihilo* is an im-

portant article of faith, the creation story does not serve as a major topic of concern. It is certainly not stressed in the curriculum of religious schools. In fact, the creation of the world *ex nihilo* is not expressly mentioned in any of Maimonides' Thirteen Principles of Faith, which are valid for the orthodox, though it does seem to underlie them and could be adduced as a corollary of his First Principle. This obscurity is not accidental, as Maimonides in his philosophical works was non-committal, even ambivalent, on this question.

The possibility that the court might demand such changes in teaching has placed teachers in a most difficult position. While it is relatively straightforward to teach the facts of science, it is much more difficult to teach its attitudes and principles. Many science teachers, racing to complete an overloaded syllabus, let their teaching deteriorate into a litany of scientific facts to be memorized by the pupils. They are left with no time to explain and transmit the self-correcting and self-correcting aspects of scientific theories or the connections of evidence leading to their development. The teaching of evolution is often the victim of such circumstances.

The need to teach both theories, should the court require it, may encourage better teaching of science in general and in particular of evolution and the developments, changes and refinements in that theory since it was systematized by Darwin 130 years ago. This is not, however, the aim of those pressuring on behalf of creation science.

The application to Israel's High Court has not yet been presented and no one can guess what the Court's decision will be. Whatever the decision is, Israel has no written constitution. The Knesset is all-powerful, and there is also a possibility that the issue will be taken up in coalition politics. The outcome there would be anyone's guess.

The initiators of these moves are asking that the Genesis creation account be taught in secular schools as a scientific theory on an equal basis as the teaching of evolution. Many parents then ask, "but what about religious schools?" Evolution is not taught there at all. At best, it is mentioned in order to be anathematised as heresy and blasphemy.

In the event that this petition is made to the High Court, it is entirely possible that in view of the severe opposition to this measure that is expressed by secular parents there will be further petitions and court actions. If this should happen, then a situation might arise wherein the courts would rule that all schools, secular and religious, must give equal time and credence to the two differing theories of the origins of life. In this case the original petitioners will have scored a pyrrhic victory at best and may well regret that they brought the subject up in the first place.

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A PIONEER POET

By DAVID GEFEN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

"LIFE HERE feels new, wonderful and free," Jesse Sampter wrote in 1933 in her introduction to *Modern Palestine*. She was then 50, the poet laureate of American Zionism and a woman who had joined the pioneers despite the crippling effects of childhood polio.

She settled in Palestine in 1919; set up classes for Yemenite women, adopting a Yemenite orphan and becoming a single parent when this was rare; toured the young settlements in the Jezreel Valley, which she celebrated in a volume of poems called *The Emek*; and became a member of Givat Brenner, contributing funds to build a convalescent home in the kibbutz.

This week marked the centenary of her birth on March 22, 1883. Her early years were spent in the serenity of an uptown New York Jewish family, one committed to ethical concepts but whose home was without a Jewish atmosphere.

Quite early, Jesse displayed literary talent, and in 1897, her first poem was published. Caught up in the Zionist fervour that filled New York in the first decade of the 20th century, Jesse came under the influence of giants like Henrietta Szold, Judah Magnes and Mordechai Kaplan.

Henrietta Szold sensed the depth of Zionist feeling in Jesse Sampter and recruited her into the newly created Hadassah organization in 1912. Jesse was given the responsibility of preparing a basic handbook on Zionism, and she proved herself up to the task.

This major project was financed by Justice Louis Brandeis and became the volume entitled *A Course in Zionism*. A collection of essays and data on the roots of Zionism, the Zionist movement and its personalities, the book first appeared in 1915. It became a bestseller. The book was completely updated and reissued in 1920 as *A Guide to Zionism*. Following her aliyah in 1919, Jesse Sampter was asked to prepare a third edition, which came to be known as *Modern Palestine*. The change in the title reflected not only a new spirit in the wake of the Balfour Declaration, but also the fact that Jesse was now actually residing in the country.

"The chief anxiety and test of the *Halutzim*, the young pioneers," she wrote "is the education of their children in their own spirit. The first pioneer children are now growing up. They are staying in Palestine, staying on the land. Hope follows their movements."

JESSE initially lived in Jerusalem, where conditions were extremely difficult. There were heavy snowstorms during her first winter in the city. In October 1920, she wrote



Jesse Sampter

home about the food situation: "It is hard to get good milk, but Dr. Helena Kagan has her own cow, so that problem is solved for us."

While in Jerusalem she set up classes for Yemenite working girls, adopting one. Moving to Rehovot in 1922, she continued her intensive efforts to establish classes for working girls.

Of special interest was her sensitivity to the Arab-Jewish question. In an article on the "Jewish Ideal of Nationalism," she wrote that we must first "make the Arabs realize that our economic interests are identical with theirs and our political and cultural aims complementary to theirs."

Our second task, she emphasized, "is to develop our institutions in such a way that they will give the Arab masses the impetus and possibility to attain an approximately equal standard of life with our own, that is, in literacy, economic and social-hygienic conditions."

Jesse realized the difficulty of attaining such goals. But in her own dramatic style, she called for action. "So far we have done very badly. Consequently we are in great danger... We need a school of Prophets to go out alike to Arab and Jew, to dwell as shepherds in the Arab villages and explain and expound: 'They will be opposed by both Arab and Jew, yet they will be none the less Jewish for Jewish opposition.'"

In 1938, Jesse Sampter died at Kibbutz Givat Brenner, where she had settled five years earlier. Her name is not remembered like those of other great figures in American Zionism. Yet she is a symbol, not only of the Zionist idea, but also of its personal realization — of aliyah, of individual hardship and effort and satisfaction.

Mapping out the truth

By MARTIN H. MILLER / Special to The Jerusalem Post

Department's Office of the Geographer and Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs.

The result of this misinformation is that most Americans who have ever looked at a map of the area or read about it have asked, consciously or subconsciously, "What is Israel doing here? It belongs to Jordan." Immediately Israel is labelled as a transgressor. President Reagan's "Middle East initiative," which calls for a confederation of the "West Bank" and the Gaza Strip and Jordan, seems reasonable

against such a background. Dr. Lewis Alexander, director of the State Department's Office of the Geographer, has acknowledged that only Britain and Pakistan recognized the sovereignty of Jordan over the so-called "West Bank." The U.S. did not, nor the UN, and not even the members of the Arab League.

Alexander made no attempt to explain why his map of the world showed Russian-occupied Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania as part of the Soviet Union but does not recognize the changes that took place in the Middle East as a result of the war of 1967. If the Office of the Geographer wished to apply morality to its cartography, it should have acknowledged that Jordan had no legal claim to the "West Bank" in 1949; even less after 1967 when it attacked Israel after Israel had urged it not to, and lost the area to Israel, and most certainly none after 1974, when, after the Arab League's Rabat conference, King Hussein renounced Jordan's political responsibilities to the area.

On September 30, 1982, the State Department indirectly

acknowledged the accuracy of these charges. Alexander issued a directive to the Central Intelligence Agency and to other government agencies "to ensure that all United States Government maps of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Golan Heights clearly and consistently reflect the United States' legal position."

The government mapmakers were told that "maps should not designate or depict (the West Bank and Gaza Strip) as sovereign territory of any Middle Eastern country."

THE STATE DEPARTMENT had initially promised to correct the maps in a letter to Congressman Michael Barnes dated July 13, 1982. This was in response to a letter which Barnes had written on March 11. Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations Powell Moore wrote, "We certainly agree with Mr. Miller that maps prepared by the U.S. Government should be consistent with U.S. policy... You may be assured that as new editions of maps of this region are prepared, we will make every effort to see that they accurately reflect U.S. policy." However, it was not possible to tell from Moore's letter what the State Department actually intended to do.

Congressman Barnes' next letter, dated August 9, included a plea for the release of accurate data in time for the publishers of 1983 almanacs to correct their maps and texts. Two months later, he received a polite but non-informative reply. Barnes has written additional let-

ters. His latest, on December 3, provided the State Department with text to assist the CIA in correcting the data for Jordan in the CIA 1983 World Factbook. The CIA's announced deadline for this was January 1, 1983. On March 2, the CIA's Director of Media Relations told me that the State Department had not supplied any data.

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THE U.S. DEPARTMENT of State has reluctantly decided on changes for new official maps of the Middle East. It took months of questioning State Department mapping practices to elicit this decision.

The State Department has misinformed a generation of Americans about the status of an area vital to U.S. foreign policy. The 2,200 square miles on the West Bank of the Jordan River has been presented as part of the Kingdom of Jordan in official U.S. Government maps and write-ups, even though it was taken by Jordan's British-trained, British-armed Arab Legion in the War of 1948 in contravention of the UN resolution calling for the partition of Palestine.

This is the way the area has been presented, too, in atlases, encyclopedias, almanacs, dictionaries, textbooks and other reference works. Non-government publishers have followed the lead of the State

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Announcement of bonus shares in all divisions

Profit of Clal \$70 million last year

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There are four separate methods in today's inflationary economy of computing the 1982 profits of the Clal concern. Although the results of these methods are confusing and far from identical, three show that Clal had a very good year, while one indicates the opposite.

This was stated yesterday by Aharon Dovrat, general manager of the group, which consists of 230 companies and employs 13,000 persons. He was speaking at a press conference given to discuss the concern's financial statements for 1982.

According to one method, Clal made \$70 million in 1982, a huge jump (even considering the inflation of the American dollar) over the \$40m. earned in 1981.

If profits are calculated in nominal terms (without inflation being taken into account), they rose by 230 per cent; to stand at \$2,317m. If the figures are deflated, profits rose only by 43 per cent. And if the same figures are calculated according to Recommendation 23 of the Chamber of Certified Public Accountants, the figure of \$2,317m. shrinks to \$537m.

If these figures are considered together with the profits for 1981 (also calculated according to Recommendation 23), the growth in profits was 88 per cent. However, if the value of the 1981 shekel is used as a base, then the Clal concern actually earned 20 per cent less in 1982 than in 1981.

Dovrat said he did not think much of Recommendation 23. Noting that he was all for using a method of calculating profits so that a fair picture emerged, even in an inflationary economy, he thought the Chamber of CPA's should not



Aharon Dovrat

have made the recommendation, but a national committee.

"If the confusion continues in our economy," he said, "we will have a situation where the results of a year's good economic activities will appear bad, and a bad year's activities will appear good."

Dovrat added that he was quite satisfied with Clal's performance during 1982. The balance sheet grew by 177 per cent (not deflated), to \$24,014m. and the group's turnover grew by 214 per cent (also not deflated), to \$19,752m.

However, he said he was deeply disturbed by the fact that exports had grown by only \$10m., to stand at \$160m. He felt that this small in-

crease was due to policies adopted by the government a year or two ago. "It takes a year or two for a policy to take effect. The present policies will lead to a considerable drop in exports in a year or two."

Nevertheless, Clal was looking around for new investments in Israel. "The trouble is that people have lost all sense of proportion due to the fact that the stock market went wild in 1981 and even the January crash did not help them regain their equilibrium."

For example, Clal was interested in buying a certain company. "We thought it was worth \$700,000, but to be on the safe side we offered \$1m. But another firm snatched it from under our noses by offering \$2m., almost three times what it was worth." When the successful buyer was asked why he had paid so much, he said simply: "I'll float an issue on the stock market and raise \$3m."

Clal announced yesterday that it will issue bonus shares in different amounts for each of its divisions. Clal (Israel) will pay 200 per cent, Clal Industries (which had already granted 200 per cent) will pay another 100 per cent, Clal Electronics will give 300 per cent in bonus shares, and the central division will pay 500 per cent.

Clal is owned by three main shareholders: Bank Hapoalim — 23 per cent; Hevrat Ovdim — 12 per cent, and the Discount Group — 26 per cent.

German economists at Haifa University meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Top economists from Israel and West Germany's Bonn University are attending a 5-day conference on the subject of "Decisions under uncertainty," at Haifa University this week.

The participants are discussing

economic theories relating to fluctuating world market trends. The conference is supported by Haifa University, the Zimmerman Foundation for the Study of Banking and Finance and the National Science Foundation of the West German government.

Vijay Shah—a major figure on the world diamond scene

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — About 13 years ago Vijay S. Shah of India made a modest beginning on the local diamond scene by establishing a polishing plant. This has now developed into a flourishing business, with five factories in various parts of the country employing several hundred skilled workers.

The local companies are known as Vijay Diamond (Israel) and concentrate on the cutting and polishing of diamonds of medium size. In addition, Vijay Diamond several years ago acquired the licence to manufacture jewelry under the Pierre Cardin label. This proved to be a fast-growing enterprise and already employs close to 50 people.

"I like visiting Israel and I enjoy doing business here. In fact, I come here so often that I have built a home in North Tel Aviv which I hope will give me an opportunity to spend even more time here," Vijay Shah said.

The entrepreneur who is only in his early thirties, is proud of the fact that his fledgling Israeli operation is today ranked amongst the seven top diamond exporters in this country. Two years ago his company was awarded the top exporter award in the diamond field.

No matter how fast the growth of Vijay (Israel), it is only a small fragment of Shah's international involvement in the diamond industry. His factories in India are counted among the world's major consumers of rough diamonds, which in turn makes Shah one of the biggest customers of the Diamond Trading Corporation, the selling arm of the

South African De Beers Corporation.

In addition, Shah owns diamond mines on the African continent whose output goes to his own polishing plants. "Over the past two years, while the diamond industry has been in recession, we have not cut back on our Israeli operations and have maintained the existing level of staff at our factories," he said.

The cost of labour in Israel is on the rise and cuts into profits, he added. "But I am optimistic that the diamond industry world-wide will pick up and that we shall continue to expand locally as well internationally," Vijay Shah said with confidence.

Robots threat to U.S. workers

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Industrial robots are a growing and potentially disruptive trend in certain U.S. labour markets, experts told a Congressional hearing last week.

There are about 22,000 advanced robots in use worldwide, including about 14,000 in Japan and just over 5,000 in the U.S. Experts predict that up to 150,000 robots could be at work in U.S. factories by the end of this decade.

Robert Ayres, professor of engineering at Carnegie-Mellon University in Pennsylvania, told the committee that while only a few thousand U.S. workers have been directly displaced by robots so far, up to 3.8 million manufacturing jobs could be lost by the end of the century.

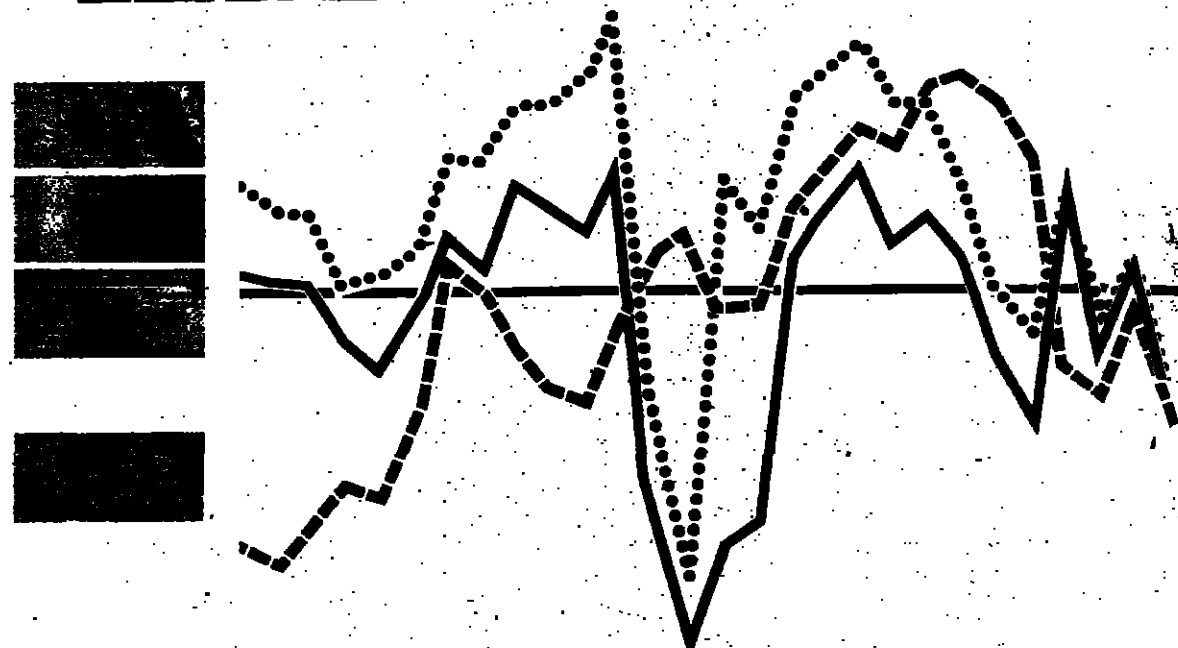
"Almost the sole justification for

purchasing industrial robots is to eliminate workers," he said, adding that workers correctly perceive robots as a direct threat to their jobs.

Ayres, who has just concluded a detailed analysis on the impact of robots on unemployment, said the job displacement threat is regionally concentrated in U.S. industries that have a lot of highly-paid, semi-skilled workers doing routine jobs.

"The choice facing many firms is to cut costs dramatically or shut down. Looking at it this way, robotics could be essential to a corporate survival strategy," Ayres said. The stage would thus be set for a confrontation between firms struggling to remain in business and unions fighting to protect workers' jobs," he added.

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Companies lose 15% on car insurance.

By CAROL COOK
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The country's insurance firms suffered losses of close to 15 per cent on their automobile insurance business in 1982, and expect the trend to continue this year.

Joseph Hackney, chairman of the Israel Insurance Association, told a press conference here yesterday that the association will soon go to the Knesset to ask for permission to hike premiums. He said com-

panies paid out 14.3 per cent more in claims than they collected in premiums.

Last year saw a real growth in overall insurance sales (excluding life insurance) of 9.3 per cent, Hackney said. Accident insurance sales grew by 20 per cent and fire insurance by 9.9 per cent. Obligatory car insurance rose by 47 per cent, while optional automobile coverage, such as fire and theft, fell by 15 per cent.

Petrol prices drop 6.7 per cent in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Record declines in petrol and fuel oil prices sent consumer price indexes in the U.S. tumbling last month, the government said yesterday. It was only the second time since 1965 that American consumers costs have actually fallen.

Petrol prices plummeted 6.7 per cent — over the last four months they have fallen 10.8 per cent. Fuel oil prices fell 4.7 per cent. The costs of food and housing

were unchanged. Medical care expenses soared 0.8 per cent.

Economists predict that the consumer price index for all of 1983 may match last year's 3.9 per cent, the smallest rise in a decade. They expect even further declines in the price of petrol and fuel oil in the coming months as a result of OPEC's price slashes.

Petrol prices, as of last month, were 16.6 per cent below their peak level of March, 1981.

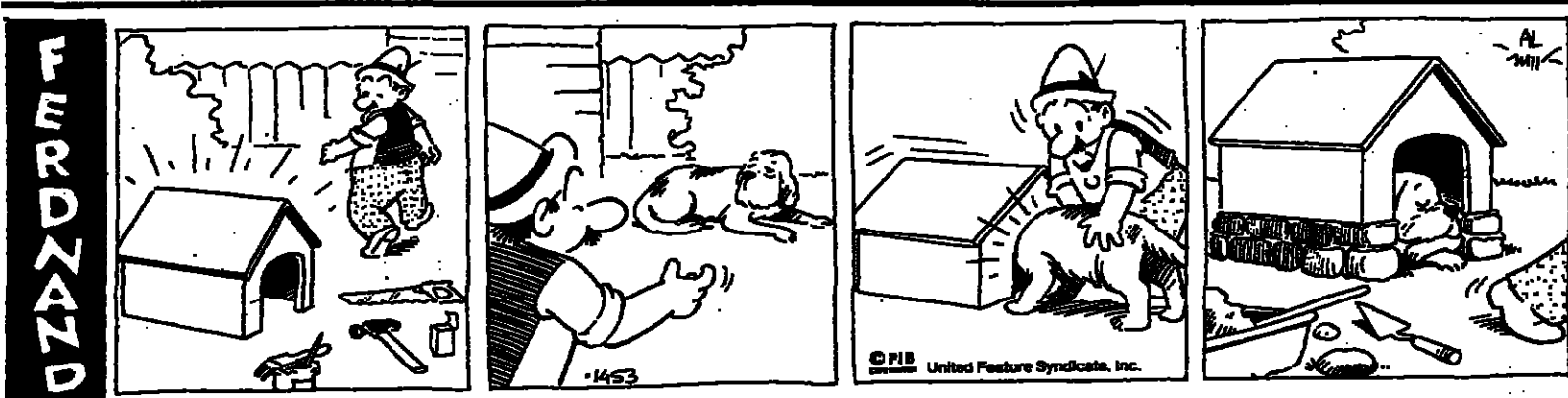
World Bank earmarks \$3.5b. for agriculture

LONDON (AP). — The World Bank expects to grant up to \$3.5 billion in loans to developing countries this year to promote new agricultural projects, a bank executive said here yesterday.

The bank now has made loans totalling \$20b. to fund 600 agricultural projects around the world, Montague Yudelman, director of the bank's agriculture and rural development department reported.

Yudelman was one of the main speakers at a conference sponsored by the International Wheat Council and the Financial Times business daily on "The outlook for world grains."

One of the areas on which the bank is concentrating is irrigation.



WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem Museums
Exhibitions: Permanent Collection of Jewish Art and Archaeology: Bezalel 1906-1929; Art of Bezalel Teachers; Portables: Letterheads by Pentagram; Primitive Art from Museum collection; How to Look at a Painting: Special Exhibits: Seder Plate, Vienna 1925; Japanese Miniature Sculpture, 18th-19th cent.; Netsuke and Inro; Pilgrims' Souvenir Objects and Christian Lamps; Clay Jug and Juglet, Middle Canaanite Period (18A); Kadesh Barnea, fortress from Judean Kingdom (Rockefeller Museum); Wonderful World of Paper (Paley Center next to Rockefeller Museum). Illuminated Haggadah, 18th cent. Viewing Hours: Main Museum 10-5. II: Guided tour in English, 11 and 3. "The Laughing Monster," theatre show for children with audience participation. Tomorrow: Main Museum 10-2. At 11: Guided tour in English of Rockefeller Museum. 11: "The Laughing Monster," theatre show for children.

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1. Tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Buses 9 and 28.

Haifa
2. Mount Scopus tours 11 a.m. from the Broufman Reception Centre, Sherman Building, Buses 9 and 28 to last stop. Further details: Tel. 02-862819.

American Museum of Natural History
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TEL AVIV
MUSEUMS
Tel Aviv Museum. New Exhibitions: New Painting from Germany (opens 12.3 at 7 p.m.). New Painting (from Joshua Green Collection); Castelli, McLean, Paladino, A.R. Penck, Expedition to the Holy Land. Continuing Exhibitions: Helmar Lenzki, Photographs 1910-1947; Michael Na'aman 1975-1983 (Helena Rubinstein Pavilion). Viewing Hours: Sat. 10-2; 7-10, Sun. 10-10, Mon., eve. Pass closed, Tue., 7-10, Wed., Thur. 10-10, Fri. (1.4) closed.

Helena Rubinstein Pavilion
New Exhibition: Michael Na'aman 1975-1983. Viewing Hours: Sat. 10-2, Sun. 9-1; 5-9, Fri. (1.4) closed.

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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

4 Stories of a marvellous fellow (6)

7 Swift traveller (8)

8 Is sterling and possibly utopian, this country (6)

10 Source of near beer? (5)

13 Rested and gave a novice help (4)

14 A vessel two ways royal (4)

15 Give advice to the sickly looking outside right (4)

16 A shipbuilder's timber? (3)

17 They may pass as healthy (4)

19 Possibly a bit of a worm (4)

21 Jack, for instance, a "character" in the legal world (5, 4)

23 Noisy hotel in Helsinki, maybe (4)

24 This bird always had to perform twice (4)

26 An under-the-bed colour (3)

27 Possible rate of damage (4)

29 Sole variety of fruit? (4)

32 Silvery part? Indisputably! (4)

33 Centre of the earth? (5)

34 Go back to bed (6)

35 A case of batsmen falling down on the job (8)

36 Bear witness at the match (6)

DOWN

1 In a gale, perhaps, I'm very mobile (5)

2 Put practically anywhere (5)

3 Chap involved in parliamentary debate? (4)

4 Tuck, perhaps (5)

5 The sort of stroke that gets one bowled, we hear (4)

EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS

4 Shoots (6)

7 Embrocation (8)

8 Plea (6)

10 Belief (5)

13 Flower (4)

14 Token of affection (4)

15 Insects (4)

16 Ovum (3)

17 Roasting-rod (4)

19 Become fatigued (4)

21 Dancer (9)

23 Irish county (4)

24 Void (4)

26 Concealed (3)

27 Huge (4)

29 Irish republic (4)

32 In this place (4)

33 Thong (5)

34 Put right (6)

35 Highly delighted (8)

36 Rise (6)

DOWN

1 Herd of sheep (5)

2 Leg joints (5)

3 Surrounded by (4)

4 Begin (5)

5 Tears (4)

6 Country house (6)

9 Flower part (6)

11 Gear (3)

12 Attempt (5)

13 Passionate (7)

15 Be unwell (3)

16 Age (3)

18 Wading-bird (6)

20 Creek (5)

21 Wicked (3)

22 Groove (3)

23 Piten (6)

25 Undergarment (3)

28 Carrying weapons (5)

30 Angry (5)

31 Period of time (5)

32 Rubber tube (4)

33 Location (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS. — 1. Scorn, 7. Exposure, 8. Pole, 10. Stained, 11. Noble, 14. Egg, 16. Laced, 17. Name, 19. W-Onan, 21. Cover, 22. Basil, 23. Pail, 26. Poy up, 28. S-R, 29. I-Ros-ic, 30. Dagger, 31. Idle, 32. Canoodle, 33. Tiff.

DOWN. — 1. Season, 2. Sponge, 3. We-ed, 4. Jocular, 5. Music, 6. Met-Ed, 8. Poem, 9. Leg, 12. Ban(m), 13. L-Eve-L, 15. Ro-Was, 18. Actor, 19. W-On, 20. Mel, 21. Capital, 22. Ben, 23. Piglet, 24. Urge, 25. L-arge-R, 26. Pitch, 27. Pound, 28. Ben, 30. Diet.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS. — 1. Heroic, 7. Outsider, 8. Fell, 10. Learned, 11. Temple, 14. Rod, 16. Rates, 17. Weed, 19. Putty, 21. Cares, 22. Laden, 23. Roll, 26. Greer, 28. Pow, 29. Carton, 30. Reicent, 31. Upon, 32. Browning, 33. Saddle.

DOWN. — 1. Hollow, 2. Opened, 3. Cold, 4. Assets, 5. Adept, 6. Cries, 8. Fare, 9. Led, 12. May, 13. Level, 15. Cures, 18. Evita, 19. Pad, 20. Ten, 21. Carouse, 22. Let, 23. Record, 24. Owen, 25. Little, 26. Seals, 27. Error, 28. Peg, 30. Rugs.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

Shares in encouraging performance

TEL AVIV. — Investors and speculators alike drew encouragement from yesterday's market performance, which saw the General Share Index advance by nearly one percent. Although advances were generally moderate, they nevertheless encompassed all sectors of trading. Many observers are wondering now whether this performance signals the beginning of the long-awaited spring rally. Several analysts think that April will turn into a good month. Some have gone as far as to suggest that more speculatively minded investors may try to beat the gun and move into the market before the end of March.

Statistics yesterday showed that sharply rising issues outpaced losers by five-to-one. Altogether there were 60 gainers of 5% or better, and among them two that were "buyers only." Only 12 issues fell by 5% or more, including one which was "sellers only."

The degree of optimism, however, would have been much higher had turnovers been higher. As it was, they were just over the \$500 million level.

The index-linked bond marked continued to "schlepp along," with mostly small gains in the various sectors. The 90 per cent index-linked bonds, however, were clearly higher. Turnovers continued to be very low, as only \$187.6m. worth of bonds changed hands.

The shekel, in a rare burst of strength, appreciated by 2 agorot against the dollar.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

The commercial bank group continued to move to higher levels. Union Bank was up by 1.2%. Danot 5.0 zipped ahead by 7%, while the First International Bank was up by more than 4%. The shares of the Maritime Bank did not trade as the bank announced a rights issue.

Leading a rising mortgage bank group were the shares of Binayon and those of the Israel Mortgage Development Bank. Both issues were up by nearly 4%.

The shares of the Industrial Development Bank, which were 6.1% higher and those of Shilton, with a 7.3% rise, were the best performers in the sector of specialized financial institutions.

A number of shares were sharply higher among insurance equities. Phoenix 0.5 spurred ahead by 10%. The two Hadar shares were both up by 5%. Hashimmar-Harel 5.0 came through with a 9.3% rise. Hassneh (r) was less fortunate as it absorbed a 5.2% loss.

The trade and service sector managed to come through with some winning performances. Delek (b) was 6.2% lower, while the Lighterage stocks were both higher by about 5.5%. Kopel was a 7.5% gainer. Crystal was a major loser as it was bowled over for 18.3%. Rapac 0.1 lost 5.3%.

Land Development and real estate shares put in a satisfactory upside performance. Drucker 1.0 was the beneficiary of 5% gain, while Darad 0.1 gained 10.1%. Lumir 1.0 was ahead by 6.5%. Similar gains were posted by Caesarea 0.1 and Lifschitz 5.0.

The industrial group was ahead by 1.7%. Elbit put in a gain of 7.8%, while Elron edged higher by 4.4%. The shares of Clal Electronics did not trade as the company announced its intention to pay 300% in

bonus shares on account of 1982. Agan was 3.5% higher, but the option eased ahead by 10.5%. Argaman Prof. rose by 8%, while Ata C was rising by 7%. Molett was among the few large losers in this group as its shares fell by a full 10%. By contrast, Maquette 1.0 was up to 10%, Teda and Shemen were ahead by 7%.

Investment company issues also moved higher. Unico (B) rose by 9.8%. Jordan Exploration moved higher by 7.4%. Piryon gained 6.8%.

The Jaysort Mortgage Bank filed a prospectus with the stock exchange covering a first-time public financing issue. The floatation is to be carried out by way of rights offered to holders of Maritime Bank shares.

The offering to the public will be made up of 15 ordinary IS1.0 shares priced at \$4.95 and two IS10 ordinary shares priced at \$49.50 and two options priced at \$5.0. Each unit will therefore be priced at \$153.25. A full 10,000 units are being offered by way of rights to Maritime Bank shareholders. The package thus offered comprises 15 IS1.0 shares, two IS10 shares and two options at a price of \$153.25 per unit. One unit will be made available for each IS712 nominal value held of the Maritime Bank shares.

The board of directors of Clal Industries is recommending that shareholders receive 100% in bonus shares. The share capital of the company is also being increased. The Clal Industries shares will trade ex-bonus shares on April 25, and the allocation will take place three days later.

Clal (Israel) is planning to pay shareholders 200% in bonus shares. As above, the shares will go ex-dividend on April 25 with allocation three days later.

Israel Central Trade plans to issue to shareholders 500% in bonus shares with the ex-dividend allocation dates the same as for the Clal Companies. The Meshulam Levinsky 1.0 shares traded yesterday as "sellers only" for the third time and will trade today without any price restrictions.

Today there will be trading in rights of the following companies: Hassneh, Israel Mortgage and Development, and Yardenia.

Avis adds 1983 models

TEL AVIV. — Avis recently augmented its car fleet by 400 1983 models. For the first time the car rental company has introduced four new models: the Peugeot 15, the Opel Rekord 1800, the Renault 9 and Daihatsu-class vehicles with regular or automatic gearshift.

Among other 1983 models in the Avis fleet are the Fiat 127, Subaru regular and commercial, Opel Ascona and Volkswagen van. The firm has also enlarged its Mercedes fleet.

After the Passah holiday Avis will begin selling all its 1982 vehicles.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

March 23, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	39.1838
British sterling	57.4963
German mark	16.2061
French franc	5.4043
Dutch guilder	14.4857
Swiss franc	18.9043
Swedish krona	5.2051
Norwegian krona	5.4328
Danish krone	4.5593
Finnish mark	7.1673
Canadian dollar	31.9661
Australian dollar	34.0527
South African rand	35.9453
Belgian franc (10)	8.2039
Austrian schilling (10)	23.0297
Italian lire (1,000)	2.7164
Japanese yen (100)	16.4638
Jordanian dinar	108.54
Lebanese pound	9.18
Egyptian pound	35.0695

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ADIF	854.65	838.53
ALMOG		
ALON	224.41	217.77
ANAT	157.55	154.48
ARMON	179.23(1)	176.60(2)
AVIV	1446.89	1416.79
AVUKA	642.76	630.51
AYAL	131.84	128.08
BARAK	181.90	176.51
BARRETT	355.62	344.79
BDOLECH	332.73	322.93
KROSE	203.98	197.96
CALANIT		
CASPI	315.87	309.67
DALIA		
DAN		
DANIT		
DEKEL	172.87	167.80
DOLEV	188.48	182.89
DUVDEVAN	215.54	212.34
ERBAT	103.50	100.89
EGOZ	178.68	174.03
KITAN		
KREZ		
KSHL	188.16	183.57
ETROG	185.37	182.58
RYDAN	108.59	103.00
GALIT	387.58	387.97
GAVISH	633.76	617.77
GIL	2109.09	2047.20
GOREN		
GUY	236.32	230.58
HADAS	1239.85	1203.79
HALAMISH	319.85	310.13
IDIT	1046.05	1014.21
INBAR	386.59	374.53
KELA	1189.48	1168.94
KOCHAV		
LAMAT	5626.98	5461.04
LAMAT	3436.80	3339.20
LAPID	263.51	258.79
LESHEM	299.60	290.80
MAGAL		
MAOF	120.74	117.18
MARGALIT	3852.48	3739.19
MAROM	201.48	185.57
MATAH	673.97	656.01
MA'ADAN	434.42	421.84
MEIRAD	108.62	106.42
MIGVAN	744.77	732.08
MIXSHA	313.28	304.06
MIVHAR	220.80	214.13
MIVTAN	428.92	419.63
MORAN	700.25	690.01
NATIF	335.63	328.72
NITZANIM		
NOGA	660.72	644.27
ODEM	468.97	456.29
OPHIR	2242.60	2177.70
OREN	239.41	232.39
ORION	1111.87	1119.17
OR-EL	462.69	452.38
PIA	1901.12	1844.73
PIROSE		
RAKKEF		
RONIT	1876.50	1843.35
SAAR		
SAPIR	282.17	288.84
SAVON		
SELA	323.68	314.17
SHARON	313.45	303.33
SHARON	11244.03	11236.83
SHAMIR	1378.22	1353.07
SHAVIT		
SHENHAV	724.89	707.45
SHESKE	530.04	511.80
SHIR	927.58	901.18
SHIRAZ	160.80	158.21
TARSHISH	420.42	408.12
TEREHA	521.82	513.84
TIDBAR	184.42	182.39
TIROSE	380.51	372.14
TOFAT	280.90	276.30
TZABAR		
TZAMKRET	581.63	564.78
TZAMID	361.41	350.45
TZAMICHA	187.44	182.81
VERED		
YAHALOM	340.38	330.41
YESODOT	1276.31	1264.41
YEVOL		
ZAHAVIT	102.59	100.05
ZIV	378.59	368.56
ZOHAR	402.89	392.68

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Commercial Banks

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
108 p.	58800	+800	+1.4
IDB p.	2656	878	+6.2
IDB B r.	3790	28	+0.3
First Int'l	15700	4	n.c.
IDB op 11	1910	4	+0.2
Union r.	2452	218	+8.9
Union op 4 r	8850	1	n.c.
Discount r.	3398	972	+18.5
Discount A r	3398	194	+18.5
Discount op 2	3690	10	+0.3
Discount B	3718	19	+0.5
Mizrahi r.	1104	4055	+6.5
Mizrahi b	1104	64	+6.5
Mizrahi op 3	18400	5	+0.01
Mizrahi op 10	4810	5	n.c.
Mizrahi op 11	1950	28	+1.8
Mizrahi op 12	4160	10	+0.2
Mizrahi op 17	7830	1	n.c.
Mizrahi op 18	448	249	n.c.
Mizrahi op 19	448	249	n.c.
Mizrahi op 20	448	249	n.c.
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A national embarrassment

EVERYBODY sympathizes with the financial plight of large families. A system of family allowances exists already. Now the government, pressed by the Tami party, is increasing them further for households with four children and more.

But the way it is being done can only evoke disapproval. The measure did not figure in the government's trillion-shekel budget. In other words there was no revenue to pay for it. A last-minute decision to reimpose a travel tax was Mr. Aridor's dubious solution.

Had it been a genuine act of social reform, place would have been found for it in the original Treasury estimates.

The government's belated espousal of a provision which has not achieved the requisite priority in the national work-plan for 1983/84 indicates that it is primarily a pay-off for Tami. And, of course, Agudat Yisrael has made sure that its constituents will benefit as well.

Improvised measures are apt to be ill-planned. The large-family benefit, started by Labour governments, was originally intended for the dependents of ex-servicemen only. That could be explained as a deserved compensation for the years of service at the expense of civilian careers.

But many yeshiva students are exempt from conscription. Agudat Yisrael made sure that they obtain compensation as well, through another channel. As a result the line was drawn not between soldiers and non-soldiers but between Jews and Arabs.

The measure for increased benefits now pushed through by Tami serves to deepen and highlight the discriminatory nature of this legislation. Mr. Aridor has not been heard to suggest that Arab citizens should be exempted from the travel tax which is to finance this questionable measure.

Israel's Arab inhabitants have one of the highest birth-rates in the world whereas the Jewish birth-rate is far lower. The disparity may need correcting — but not through discriminatory legislation of this kind.

Carrying on

IT IS NOT entirely clear just how many new settlements are to be set up on the crests of the thickly populated Samaria hills under a decision passed last week by the Ministerial Defence Committee. The ministers are reported to have decided on eight, but the government's agent in this matter, the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department, claims there are enough funds for only five new permanent civilian settlements, mostly converted military outposts, and three new such outposts.

Similarly, it is not entirely clear whether, as charged by the opposition, the decision was political in its motivation: to deter King Hussein from joining the peace process by flaunting Israel's adamant rejection of any freeze on settlement as a condition of negotiations. The fact that the decision was taken by the Ministerial Defence Committee, which enjoys a measure of immunity from leaks, and not by the notoriously leaky Ministerial Settlement Committee, suggests that an attempt, at least, was made to prevent rather than to encourage publication.

What is entirely clear, however, is that, by this decision the government has taken a fateful step towards the forcible annexation of Judea and Samaria.

Annexation, in all but name, is, of course, the policy of the present Likud administration. Yet back in May, 1977 when the Likud came to power, there was still some hope that the option would not be sealed by settling Jews in and around the main Palestinian population centres. When Kiryat Arba's Rabbi Moshe Levinger sent his female contingent to occupy Hebron's deserted Hadassah building, Prime Minister Begin himself cried "foul."

This is now history. A fortnight ago the new defence minister, Moshe Arens, as though determined to prove that his tactical flexibility did not affect basic doctrinal belief, pledged Rabbi Levinger support for the advancement of Jewish settlement in Hebron. Last week Mr. Arens lent his support for the new settlement decision that would, in its most spectacular feature, set up a Jewish Upper Shechem as a sentinel over Arab Nablus.

The decision is certain to be swathed with the customary rhetoric about the right of Jews to live, peacefully, side by side with Arabs throughout Eretz Yisrael. But it bodes not peacefulness but belligerence, not coexistence but separation.

At the very least it promises to be another nail in the coffin of the autonomy plan, once hailed as the great hope for an agreed solution of the Palestinian problem.

POSTSCRIPTS

ONE CUSTOMER recently put the bite on a Sioux City, Iowa bank teller. And the teller, Sandy Sward, had the man's teeth to prove it. Sward is a drive-in teller for Northwestern National Bank's downtown Sioux City office. During a recent transaction she routinely asked a customer for some personal identification to verify a transaction.

The man gave his false teeth. Upon inspection, Sward found the man's Social Security number engraved on the denture.

REDWOODS. — A forest is to be planted in memory of 200,000 Jewish soldiers who fell while serving in the Red Army during World War II. The Jewish National Fund is planning the forest for the Judean Hills, and the committee organizing the project comprises the world organization of partisans and ghetto fighters, the association of Russian war veterans and the organization of soldiers wounded in the war against the Nazis. Over 500,000 Jews fought in the Red Army, and 40 per cent of them fell. J.S.I.

Kohl has his way

By MEIR MERHAV / Bonn

WEST GERMAN Chancellor Helmut Kohl has two good reasons to heave a sigh of relief this week — the crisis in the European Monetary System was averted by a last-minute agreement to revalue the West German mark by 3.5 per cent and devalue the French franc by 2.5 per cent, and the announcement by Franz Josef Strauss that he would not, after all, accept a post in Kohl's cabinet.

For weeks, the strong man from Bavaria — no doubt the most brilliant politician within the Christian Union, but also the most erratic — had kept the coalition partners guessing.

If he had entered the Kohl cabinet in any capacity, he would certainly have caused difficulties for the chancellor. Although Kohl has proved himself a skilled political operator, the presence of Strauss at the cabinet table would have resulted in a permanent tug-of-war, with Kohl under constant attack over issues ranging from civil rights through economic policy to foreign and defence policy. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Free Democrat foreign minister, would have been a particularly frequent butt of Strauss's derision.

HELMUT KOHL'S cards in the poker game with Strauss were stacked by the March 6 election results, which were tailor-made for Kohl's purposes.

Firstly, the Free Democrats, whom Kohl needed to counter-balance the Strauss-led Christian Social Union of Bavaria, made it into the Bundestag, despite widespread expectations that they would not attain the necessary 5 per cent minimum vote.

Moreover, the Greens also made it, and thereby paradoxically ensured the political survival of the Free Democrats. If the Greens had failed to pass the 5 per cent hurdle, the redistribution of the votes cast for them would have given the Christian Union an absolute majority. The Free Democrats would have become superfluous as a coalition partner, and the struggle for power in Bonn would have been solely between the Christian Democrats and their Bavarian sister party.

As it is, the result actually reduced the bargaining power of both the Free Democrats and Strauss's Christian Social Union. Neither had any choice but to stay on in the present coalition on terms that could largely be dictated by Helmut Kohl.

Indeed, from the start of the coalition talks, Kohl made full use of his advantageous bargaining power vis-à-vis Strauss. When Henry Ford produced his Model T, he offered it for sale in any colour as long as it was black. So, too, Kohl offered Strauss any cabinet post except those which, in content and political standing, might have been acceptable to the Bavarian leader.

THE FOREIGN Ministry was out — it had been promised to Free Democrat leader Genscher. The Finance Ministry was also out — Gerhard Stoltenberg, a rising star in the Christian Democrats, had given up the premiership of Schleswig-Holstein to take the job. The Economic Ministry, held by Otto Count Lambsdorff, was also not available — its incumbent is the No. 2 man in the Free Democrats and is, moreover, under investigation for corruption. Sacking him now could cost Kohl the votes of Free Democrats in the election for Chancellor on March 29, and would, moreover, have tainted Lambsdorff before any formal indictment.

There remained the Defence Ministry, a portfolio which Strauss has, in fact, previously held, and of which he said: "I never come back." Strauss might have sought to become a super-defence minister, responsible both for defence policy and arms-reduction negotiations. In the coalition talks, however, Genscher made it clear that he would not give up any of the areas now under his jurisdiction.

But these are the issues that interest Strauss most, and in his talks with Kohl he presented a 160-page position paper, much of which amounted to a far-reaching reversal of German foreign policy. Cold warrior that he is, Strauss wanted a revision of West Germany's relations with East Germany.

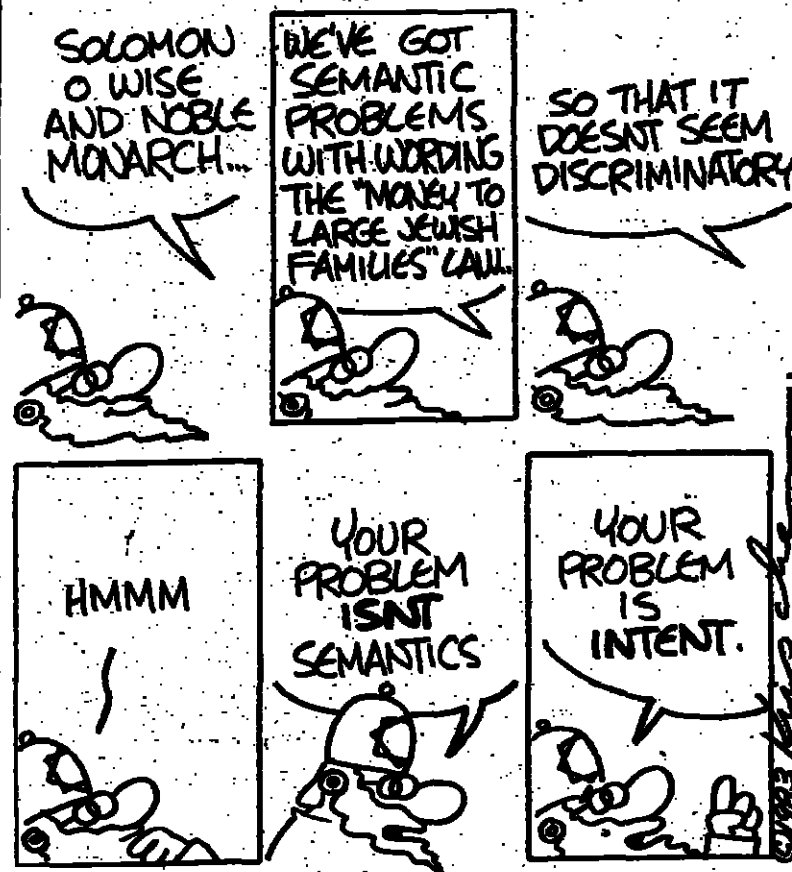
ALTHOUGH PAST agreements were to be kept — *pacta sunt servanda*, said Strauss the classics scholar — every *quid* should be measured against the *quo* in relations between the two German states. As for the *Ostpolitik*, West Germany should not see itself bound finally by the agreements with Poland, for example. Its claim to the German borders of 1937 might be "suspected, but not relinquished. The Oder-Neisse line was not to be regarded as final.

Strauss's concepts of German foreign policy are global. He demanded a reassessment of policy towards South Africa, and he poured scorn on Genscher's adherence to United Nations pronouncements. As for détente, Strauss stood for reciprocity — any breach of détente by the Soviet Union, such as its invasion of Afghanistan or military interventions in other parts of the world, was to be answered by counter-measures by the European community.

Strauss's views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are of particular interest. The three principles on which German (and European) policy on the Middle East is based — security for Israel, self-determination for the Palestinians, and non-violence — are, in his view, incompatible with one another. Self-determination for the Palestinians, in the form of a Palestinian state, is incompatible with security for Israel.

Strauss believes Germany — and Europe in general — should give up the illusion that it can adopt an independent policy position or exert an influence of its own in the conflict. It should, instead, range itself

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behind the United States.

Like most Germans and Europeans, he believes that Israel's settlement policy is an obstacle to peace, and he favours a Palestinian state, which should be fully sovereign except in matters of defence, which should be left in Israel's hands.

Not without interest in this context are Strauss's views on German arms exports (not surprisingly, Bavaria is a major centre of Germany's defence industries). While he did not go so far as to demand the reversal of the former government's decision not to sell Leopard tanks to Saudi Arabia, he is in favour of lifting the present limitations on arms exports to areas of tension.

THE QUESTION that will now be asked in Bonn is whether Strauss is out for good or whether he will be able to pull strings from Munich. He will no doubt be able to needle the Kohl government, and his position as premier of Bavaria and

chairman of the Christian Social Union will enable him to exert influence.

But there is a profound difference between the weight of a pronouncement to the press in Munich, biting as it may be, and a debate at the cabinet table in Bonn. And there is also a great difference between personal participation in decision-making and having to rely on his party's ministers in Bonn. Such ministers tend to become independent in the course of time and are not likely to act as the spokesmen for the regent of Bavaria.

As matters stand now, Strauss, long the bogeyman of German politics, is out for good. At 68, the just-completed cabinet negotiations were probably his last chance for power at the federal level.

But politics can always produce surprises: If Count Lambsdorff is charged within the next few months, Strauss may well be tempted to reconsider his position.

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Assad and the lion

By NICOLAS B. TATRO / Damascus

reeled off a joke that poked fun at the party's popularity.

The joke went like this: Assad, Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were riding in a jeep when suddenly they came across a lion sleeping in the road.

Unable to drive around the lion or wake him up, each leader in turn went and lifted the lion's ear and whispered a few words. But it was only when Assad spoke that the lion jumped up and ran off.

Asked by his companions what he had said, Assad — whose name means lion in Arabic — replied: "I offered him membership in the Ba'ath Party."

SUCH A JOKE would have been unthinkable a year ago when the toll of Ba'ath Party officials who had been assassinated by fundamentalists had reached into the hundreds.

That violence culminated in a showdown in February 1982 between the Moslem Brotherhood's

guerrillas and the "Defence Brigades" special forces of Assad's brother Rifaat in the Syrian town of Hama, 180 kilometres north of Damascus. Some 10,000 people were reportedly killed and much of the city was devastated by artillery and tank fire.

The Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June brought an undeclared cease-fire between the Sunni Moslem fundamentalists and the government, which has a large number of Alawite Moslems — an offshoot of Shi'ite Islam.

As a result, the government removed a heavily armed security police and soldiers who had stood guard on almost every major street corner and at the entrance to most government offices before the Hama battle. Also gone are the triple and quadruple locked steel doors on the inner offices of government ministers.

In a further sign of relaxation, a diplomatic source said the Syrians had released 500 prisoners from jail in the eastern city of Palmyra last December. It was not known how many of those who had been rounded up during the anti-fundamentalist campaign were still in jail.

In January last year, diplomatic sources say, more than 200 army officers were rounded up and a planned coup was thwarted. That was the latest of many purges in the military, which has provided most of Syria's leaders since independence in 1946.

BUT THERE WAS no reluctance on the part of generals to debate Middle East politics at a dinner party recently in the home of Gen. Zuhair Ghazal, a top official in the presidency.

A lively debate involving at least a half-dozen top military officers took place in the parlour over whisky and cigars until 3 a.m. The topics: former U.S. president Jimmy Carter's memoirs, the crisis in OPEC, divisions between the anti-Syrian Christian Phalangists in Lebanon. However, they avoided discussing internal Syrian politics in the presence of an American reporter.

The easing of the police presence has also spurred more open criticism of the government. A taxi driver in his 20s, dressed in an army jacket and blue jeans, complained about the lack of organization and cohesion in Syria: "Everybody looks after himself here, the army, the police, everyone. But it's best I do not say more."

A local rug merchant complained about the lack of tourists and customers: "The Iranians don't have any money to spend," he said. But the Iranians do smuggle out carpets and decorated boxes and jewelry to barter in Damascus.

A sign of increasingly close ties between Syria and the Iranian government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini is the recent arrival of busloads of Iranian tourists. There are also about 1,500 Iranian Revolutionary Guards based in Syria and shuttling into the eastern Lebanon region to reinforce Syrian forces here.

Syria is also a haven for other extremists. These include the Marxist factions of the PLO and the hit squads of the maverick Palestinian leader Abu Nidal.

Operating with Syrian government backing, the Abu Nidal group has a five-storey, modern office building in the residential neighbourhood of Shaalan.

Palestinian sources say that the international terrorist known as "Carlos" also has been a frequent visitor to Damascus, an assertion Syrian Information Minister Ahmed Iskander Ahmed once dismissed as "black propaganda" by the Western media. (Associated Press)

READERS' LETTERS

JUSTICE ELON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Doubts have been expressed in The Jerusalem Post about the propriety of Justice Elon continuing on the bench after his candidacy for the presidency. We are asked to take lessons in democracy from the United States. Well, the presidency in America is a far more partisan and political function than in Israel. And yet, Charles Evans Hughes, after having been defeated for the presidency, served as justice and chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Furthermore, William Howard Taft, after actually serving as president, became chief justice. Incidentally, both Hughes and Taft were judges before being nominated for the presidency, and both were also professors of law.

BENJAMIN AKZIN

Jerusalem. (Neither the editorial nor the former judges who expressed themselves on this subject pointed to the U.S. as a model.)

The U.S. has a system of political appointments to the bench, wholly inappropriate for comparison with Israel. E.J.P.)

PENFRIENDS

CHARLES I. NWODU of St. Joseph's Teacher Training College, Box 184, Aba, Imo State, Nigeria, would like to have Israeli penfriends in order to learn more about our country.

THE NATURE OF OUR HEALTH SERVICES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Much has been said about the rights and wrongs of the doctors' strike. One of the questions that keeps coming up in my mind is what kind of health service we had when it was functioning so to speak.

I have every understanding for the case of the young doctors, whose pay slips more or less resemble those of junior clerks, who had dropped out of school at the age of 16 and acquired their professional experience in some commercial enterprise, which entitles them to this kind of salary by the time they are 25. But no matter how justified the grievances of the young doctors, I still cannot see why the entire community of doctors had to go on strike. Most of them are known to make a very decent living indeed.

Most disturbing of all, is the strike of the sick funds. It is a long-known fact that the only real advantage that membership in a sick fund has is the right to hospitalization. For the rest of it, the sick fund doctor is generally impatient with his patients. They queue up for hours until their turn comes to get in, then are out in no time. This is adequate

for colds, upset stomachs and similar ailments, but not for real illness when the patient eventually consults a private doctor or, which is worse, the sick fund doctor privately, for against remuneration, he gets a different kind of treatment altogether. If he pays these days IS1,500 for the first visit and IS1,000 for the second, he gets to see a doctor by appointment and receives the full attention he deserves as a patient. Rightly convinced that everything has been done to help him get well again, the patient is so relieved that he forgets that he is a member of a sick fund into which he has been paying his dues for years in order to get the treatment he requires free of charge.

I am sure that everyone has had his own experiences with one sick fund or another, and I call upon the public to speak out now, not only about the immorality of this strike, but also about the nature of the health service this country has tolerated for so many years.

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